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breathe it,
And reflect it from the
mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Line 'em up! Administration considers bringing hard liquor back to The Little Pub

by Peter Ringel '01
MANAGING EDITOR

Hard alcohol may be returning to The Little Pub.

After almost two years of serving only beer and wine, the administration is giving serious consideration to bringing liquor back to the Pub one night a week.

"It's a good issue to explore," said Dean of Students Florence Mitchell. "We will get clarification about New York State Law and find out if having hard liquor in the Pub would preclude people under 21 from being there."

The Little Pub has served hard liquor in the past, but the administration opted to change that policy for a number of reasons, including a high risk to student safety and in terms of liablility.

"Two years ago there was a demand from the students to provide full bar again so we tried that service for one night a week," said Director of Administrative Services Betsy Espe. "It became unmanageable so it was discontinued."

Because students under 21 are allowed in the Pub, it became difficult for staff to distinguish between who was drinking a rum and coke and who was just drinking a coke.

"The Pub serves only those that are 21," Epse added. "However, it's the same game I played when I was in college-it's called pass the drink to your friend. We offer free bar soda to all patrons so the only way to tell a gin and tonic from a plain tonic is to get in someone's face and sniff their beverage. It was adverserial at best."

Administrators also point to the ban on hard alcohol as a way to prevent rapid consumption of liquor.

According to several administrators, "shots" are the antithesis of responsible drinking.

"I have mixed feelings about bringing hard alcohol back to the Pub," admitted Senior Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson. "Shots tend to be more risky and I don't know that we need to support that."

Espe went a step further, "It has been my experience that most of the students interested in doing shots had also begun pre-gaming. Their desire was not to have a drink with friends, it was to get loaded. The college is not interested in supporting that activity-not because we want to limit your choices, but because we are concerned about the health and safety of our community members."

PHOTO BY SAGE BISSELL '02

The Little Pub may be serving hard alcohol on selected evenings, depending on the results of an administrative investigation into the matter.

Bon Appétit is paid a yearly fee to run the Pub. Chad Marshall manages the Pub, while two other fulltime workers serve lunch between 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. during the week. Six students also work as bartenders during the evening hours.

According to Espe, Hamilton spends over $80,000 dollars a year subsidizing the Pub.

As a result, it does not matter whether the Pub actually makes any money, because the philosophical idea of the Pub was to provide a social space where students could gather for a number of activities and not to open a money-making establishment.

However, since only about one-quarter of the students are currently 21 the issue of hard liquor in the Pub poses an interesting question for administrators. New York State law requires that if an establishment is going to be serving hard alcohol, access must be limited to 21 and over. This causes an obvious conflict within the administration since the Pub was built to cater to all members of the Hamilton community.

"The Pub is a beautiful facility that should be accessible to the entire community," added Thompson.

Students tend to have a different viewpoint than administrators when it comes to

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PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Another poor attempt by the suspended Alpha Delts to imitate the "dawg pound" during last week's home soccer game.

A new era: Pendergast Football

By Peter Ringel '01 and
MANAGING EDITOR
Greg Ernstrom '01
NEWS EDITOR

A new football era begins Saturday as the Hamilton Continentals travel to Amherst to play the Lord Jeffs.

The year 2000 brings not only a new coaching staff, but also new hope to a team that has won only three games in the past three seasons.

The absence of Coach Steve Frank on the sidelines will not be the only change that fans will notice this year. For the first time in three years, quarterback Robbie Peters will not be lining up under center for the Continentals.

Graduating a quarterback is arguably one of the most difficult obstacles to overcome in college football.

However, despite losing Peters, new Coach Tim Pendergast is extremely satisfied with Peter's heir apparent Mike Pellman '02. "We came into camp unsure which quarterback was going to be our starter, but Pellman has won the respect of his teammates and the coaching staff."

Running back Chris McCarthy '02 endorses Pendergast's decision to start Pellman, "Pellman looked good in the scrimmage last week. He proved that he should be the starting quarterback. He showed a great deal of control in the huddle."

Playing in a scrimmage is totally different than starting your first collegiate game on the road against a strong, Amherst team. If Hamilton is going to have any shot to defeat Amherst, Pellman has to play a significant role.

"He has to have a big game against Amherst," added McCarthy. "They will be coming hard after him all game."

Despite the coach's decision to start Pellman, there were two other qualified candidates at the quarterback position. "The real battle was for the second string quarterback," admitted Pendergast." "Both Brent Lowinger '02 and Chris Rossi '03 showed the ability to be the second quarterback, but in the end Lowinger made the biggest strides."

Instead of exiling Rossi to the bench as the third string quarterback, Pendergast demonstrated his philosophy of putting the best players on the field. Pendergast moved Rossi from quarterback to outside linebacker. The coach added, "Rossi took it well. He just wants to play, and he is too good of an athlete not to play for us."

Rossi is not the only player who underwent a position change during the preseason. Numerous defensive players have switched positions and some players have moved from offense to defense.

Pendergast went on to say that he is not concerned with what has happened in the past. "I can't answer questions about last

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Students – and workers – settle into Eells House

by Matthew Lawrence '04
NEWS WRITER

Things have changed at the old Alpha Delta Phi house. Alpha Delta Phi is now the Samuel Eells House.

The multi-million dollar residence hall is comprised of singles and doubles; nearly fifty in all, and many students feel lucky to be living there, even if the building is still under construction.

Entering Eells House, one is confronted immediately by the smell of wood stain. During the day workmen pass through the halls more often than students do, but students do not seem to mind.

Ethan Richardson '02, who lives in the basement, said, "A couple of times they were banging on the walls pretty early, but other than that it's been fine." Asked about living in the basement, Richardson and his roommate both agreed, "The basement is awesome."

Lauren Ivison '01 agrees about life in Eells. "It's great," she said. Ivison particularly likes the building's décor. "It has character," she said. "My room has corners and angled ceilings, and the old radiators give it personality. It's much better than living in a box." She also likes the dorm's light paint and hardwood floors.

Looking at Eells House it is very easy to understand why students are so happy. The main floor is comprised of two large sitting rooms containing large seats, hardwood floors, and chandeliers. Adjacent to the sitting rooms is the kitchen (which is under construction) and hallways leading to dorms. Walking up the recently polished wooden staircase to the second and third floors, one finds narrow white hallways leading to the rooms. The hallways are a marked contrast to those in other buildings.

But life in Eells is not all perfect; as Ivison explained, the workmen can be a little intrusive. "I went in the kitchen to make breakfast the other day, and everything was taken off the shelves and thrown on the counter because they were still working on them."

The workmen are not the only problem at Eells, however. A note on the second floor informed students that the men's bathroom was infested with ants, and in the first week many of the tables in the first floor lounge were stolen.

Despite these problems, Eells House is by far one of the most luxurious dorms on campus. In fact, students chose the building without ever having been inside. When asked why, one student explained, "I figured that everything would be new, so I thought you can't go wrong when everything is new." When asked if the building lived up to her expectations, the student nodded and said, "Of course!"

Late add disciplinary procedure undergoes significant revision

by Christopher LaRosa '03
LAYOUT EDITOR

The Committee on Academic Standing (CAS) issued community service sentences to approximately a dozen students who failed to return course add forms to the office of the registrar before the Friday afternoon deadline.

Each student who neglected the deadline must perform three hours of community service before the end of the month in order to validate his or her late registration.

Approximately 20 students who missed the noon deadline but submitted the slips before the close of the day had to attend a radio mystery play presented by Associate Dean of Students and chair of CAS Greg Pierce.

The community service punishment, established by the CAS, represents several changes in previous years' policies. Students who recall the Spring 2000 semester punishment, five hours of labor with Physical Plant beginning at 7 a.m. on a Saturday, will likely find this year's sentence of three hours of community service less severe. Students can fulfill their sentences by presenting a plan of action to the Dean of Students office or by consulting campus Chaplain Jeffrey McArn.

McArn does not look upon his role in the established disciplinary procedure as that of the punisher. "I'm removed from the punishment end of it. There's stuff to be done," he said.

The majority of students looking to fulfill their requirement for community service will be working to organize the new library room on the third floor of the chapel. While McArn is the faculty advisor to the Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition (HAVOC), community service sentences will not be fulfilled directly through HAVOC activities.

With regard to using HAVOC as a vehicle for disciplinary sentences, McArn says, "We've been having a lengthy discussion and there's not a lot positive coming out of it."

McArn says that assigning students to HAVOC projects carries both positive and negative outcomes. "It's encouraging community service for people who haven't done it. However, it can be a bad way to introduce it."

Working on the chapel library presents a more neutral alternative to mandating involvement in HAVOC projects. "We've found something of help to the campus."

Professor Kevin Grant, a member of CAS, explains his approach to establishing disciplinary courses of action, "In determining a punishment, I want to strike a fair

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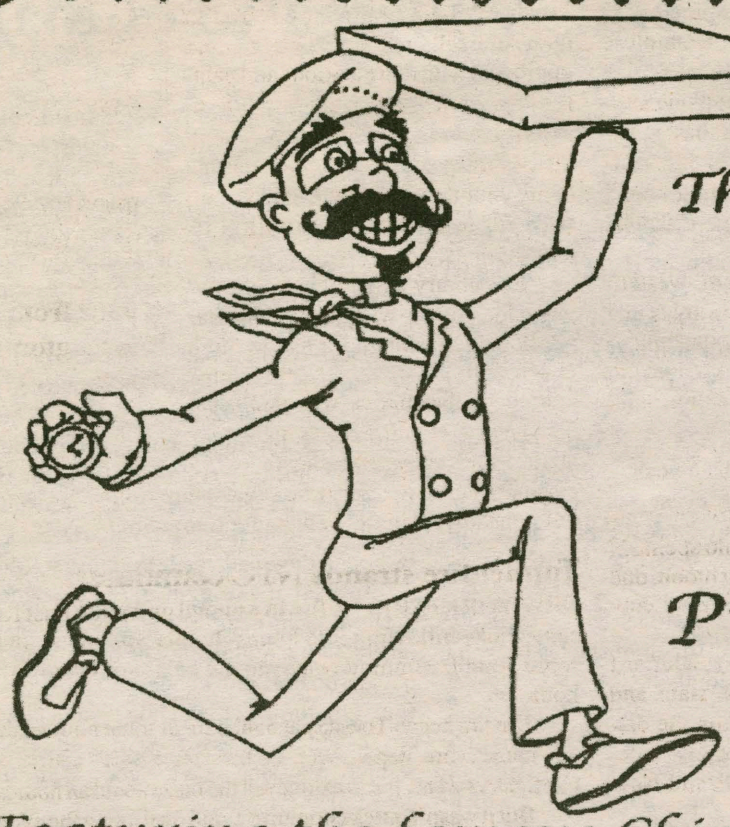
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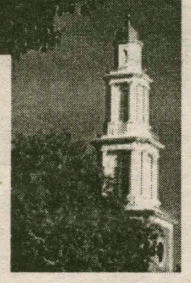


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Boston's Emmanuel College goes coed

BOSTON (AP) — Students at Emmanuel College didn't know why they were called to an assembly, and few were prepared for what they heard: After 81 years, the first Catholic women's college in New England is going coed.

Some women cheered; others wept. Everyone was in shock, said senior Kiersten Sullivan, 20, of Boston.

"It was like a bomb," she said. "Nobody had any idea." Some women said they welcomed the change, which will take effect next fall. But others felt betrayed and said they should have been consulted about such a major change.

Emmanuel was founded in Boston's Fenway neighborhood in 1919 to give women a college education at a time when they didn't have the right to vote.

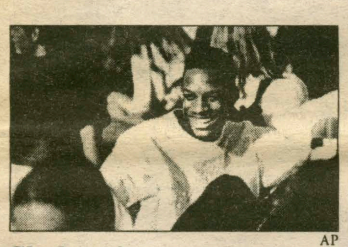
President Sister Janet Eisner said the school is on firm financial footing, having just welcomed its largest freshman class in a decade.

But the school, funded 63 percent by tuition, is under some pressure to grow. Emmanuel hopes to increase its undergraduate enrollment to about 1,000 by 2005. Enrollment dropped from about 1,200 in 1972 to about 600 today. Nationwide, the number of women's colleges has declined from 298 in 1960 to just 73 today, said Jadwiga Sebrechts, president of the Women's College Coalition.

Univ. Wisconsin doctors photograph

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Seeking an image of diversity, the University of Wisconsin at Madison says it doctored a photo on a brochure cover by inserting a black student in a crowd of white football fans.

"We did it in this one instance, and it really was an error in judgment," university publications director Al Friedman said Tuesday.



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Shabazz's appearance.

The university's undergraduate admissions director, Rob Seltzer, said his office spent the summer looking for pictures that would show the school had a diverse enrollment — but had no luck. As of fall 1999, less than 10 percent the school's more than 40,000 students were non-white, and only 2.15 percent were black.

The staff settled on a 1993 photo of white Badger fans at a football game. Friedman said his office altered the photo to add an image taken in 1994 of senior Diallo Shabazz.

The university won't discipline those involved because they admitted their mistake and apologized to Shabazz, said Patrick Strickler, a university spokesman.

The brochure will be reprinted, Strickler said Wednesday. The copies will be sent — with a letter of explanation — to all those who received the original who can be found.

College rewrites its loyalty oath

PHOENIX (AP) — A Communist community college student's refusal to pledge allegiance to the United States has prompted the college system to rewrite its loyalty oath requirement.

Fabricio Rodriguez, student body vice president at Mesa Community College, was denied his minimum-wage salary after he refused to sign the oath and relinquish his Communist beliefs. The oath is required of school employees and officers.

After friends and colleagues rallied to Rodriguez's defense, calling the oath an arcane leftover of the 1950s, the American Civil Liberties Union took the case.

This week, the Maricopa Community College system said it had eliminated the reference to Communism.

"We're actually very pleased that the student brought it forward," said college official Rick DeGraw. "That's what students are supposed to do."

The college law has been a state statute since 1961, even though the U.S. Supreme Court deemed it unconstitutional five years later.

"It's a Cold War relic just like the B-52 bombers," said Hamilton College Prof. Philip Klinkler, who specializes in U.S. politics and constitutional law.

Klinkler, who said many states had similar provisions designed to prevent Communist infiltration, said loyalty oaths "seem pretty silly" today.

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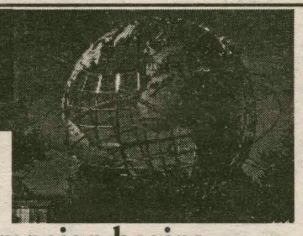

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Harry Potter China campaign begins

BEIJING (AP) — Children across China are being primed for a revolution, this time through the bewitching world of boy wizard Harry Potter.

A publicity and printing campaign unprecedented for China began this week to introduce the globally popular Harry Potter book series to a Chinese audience. If the plan works, Harry Potter — or "Ha-li Bo-te" as he is known in Chinese — could be the biggest thing since Chairman Mao's little red book, and shake up the staid, preachy world of Chinese children's books.

AP

Charles Hutzler show off the new Harry Potter book in Beijing.

"Children's literature in China is too earnest. Things that inspire the imagination are too few. Bringing Harry Potter to China is a kind of breakthrough," said Ma Ainong, one of four translators, all women, working on the series.

Shepherding the ambitious undertaking is the stately, state-owned People's Literature Publishing House. Its editors compressed into four months the translation, marketing and distribution of the first three of the four books in author J.K. Rowling's series for a planned Oct. 6 launch.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" will be released as a boxed set in a first-run of 600,000 volumes — the largest first printing for a commercial release ever in China, said editor Wang Ruiqin.

Along the way, Wang and colleagues battled adversaries worthy of the dark sorcery fictional Harry and his wizard-school classmates face: nervous bureaucrats, skeptical literary critics and canny black-marketeers. The endeavor says much about China's publishing industry and its competition for readers.

Hungry threaten chimps in Uganda

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Hungry refugees displaced by the two-year civil war in neighboring Congo, and forced to eat small apes, threaten to wipe out the chimpanzee population in western Uganda, a conservationist said Thursday.

Wilhelm Moeller, a consultant with the Uganda Wildlife Education Center, said Ugandans do not customarily eat members of the ape family. But he said the practice is spreading with the arrival of large numbers of Congolese refugees.

"There is no evidence that poaching for chimp meat has been going on in Uganda for a long time. It has never happened before that chimpanzees and gorillas are consumed in Uganda, and I'm afraid this is spreading here," Moeller told The Associated Press from his office in Entebbe, south of Kampala.

"A lot of Congolese are in many parts of western Uganda, and many are not in refugee camps but in areas that are chimpanzee habitats... There is fear that poaching is increasing as people hunt the primates and sell the meat to the refugees, and we fear that this primate meat-eating habit might spread to Uganda," Moeller said.

Australia mulls British blood ban

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australian health officials will meet Monday to consider banning people who spent six months in Britain and ate British beef from giving blood, due to fears of a brain-wasting condition linked to mad cow disease.

Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer Richard Smallwood said Saturday that he would give state and federal health ministers up-to-date information on the disease for their governments to decide on a strategy.

Other countries, including the United States and New Zealand, have imposed a similar blood ban.

The ban in Australia would affect people who spent six months in Britain from 1980 to 1996 and who ate beef, hamburgers, sausages and meat pies.

Smallwood said that if ministers decide to impose a ban, it could reduce supplies to Australia's blood banks by more than five percent.

Mad cow disease, also known as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, broke out in Britain in the 1980s and 1990s, affecting some 180,000 cattle.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Fla. man mistakenly kills neighbor

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — A man whose young son told him someone in a red car tried to lure him away from a bus stop spent two days hunting for the vehicle before killing his neighbor — a father of four and the wrong man, authorities said Tuesday.

Kenneth Stephenson, 31, died from five gunshot wounds early Saturday after he drove home from work in his red Chevrolet Beretta.

Held without bail Tuesday was James Price, 46, who told police he spent two days hunting for a red car, intending to kill the driver. He has been charged with first-degree murder.

Stephenson had just gotten off work at Ryder Truck Rental where he was a tire technician when he was gunned down a half block from his driveway — midway between his house and Price's house. The two men were acquaintances.

"Nothing was said. He just shot him," Stephenson's widow, Misty, said Tuesday, standing alongside a simple wooden cross on the roadside. Printed on it were the words: "God Bless You." The names of Stephenson's wife and children were listed on the side.

Price "freely and voluntarily admitted taking his Ruger .357 handgun from his truck toolbox and going in search of the person who allegedly tried to pick up his son," according to an arrest affidavit.

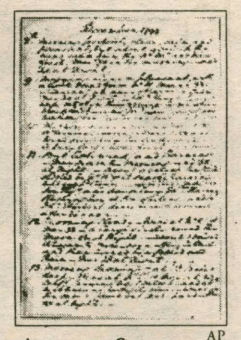
On Monday, 19-year-old Matthew Wiley told investigators he was the one in the red car, but claimed he never tried to pick up Price's 9-year-old son, said Polk County Sheriff's Capt. W.J. Martin.

First president's notes on Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plagued with grave misgivings about his ability to live up to his young country's expectations, George Washington prepared to leave the "domestic felicity" of Mount Vernon and make the long journey to New York to take office as the nation's first president.

These thoughts were recorded in the diaries he had kept since he was 15, logs that included lively accounts of bedbugs and an Indian war dance on his first surveying trip. His last note tells of the snowy weather he ventured into at Mount Vernon the day before his death on Dec. 14, 1799.

Many of the 2,300 entries, which the Library of Congress planned to put on its Web site Friday, deal with the weather and the problems of his farms. Only occasionally does Washington confide some of his inner feelings, as he did on April 16, 1789, after his election:



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A page from Washington's Diary.

"About 10 o'clock I bade adieu to Mount Vernon, to private life and to domestic felicity; and with a mind oppressed with more anxious and painful sensations than I have words to express, set out for New York ... with the best disposition to render service to my country in obedience to its call, but with less hope of answering its expectations."

The library's Web site — http://www.loc.gov — will display the diaries both in Washington's handwriting and in a printed version. A six-volume edition of the diaries was published between 1976 and 1979 by the University of Virginia Press; about 1,000 copies of each volume were sold. Portions of the original diaries are in various collections around the country, with the largest group held by the Library of Congress.

Tunnel fire strands NYC commuters

NEW YORK (AP) — A fire in a tunnel under the East River sent smoke billowing into Pennsylvania Station, stranding some 30,000 commuters during the height of evening rush hour.

The fire began Tuesday at 5:40 p.m. in some railroad ties in the tunnel, fire department spokesman Robert Calise said. Firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze about an hour later.

But it wasn't quick enough to avoid disrupting the evening commute. The Long Island Rail Road suspended service into and out of the tunnel, and authorities barred people from entering the station until the smoke began to dissipate.

"It was very smoky, people were walking around with their ties over their faces," said Anthony LaSalle, a Manhasset-bound commuter who was stranded in the station for more than an hour.

Full service was restored by 7:45 p.m., but the system was experiencing 30-minute delays into the evening.

Community service sentences continue to change for students during fall semester

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balance. I want to convey that common curricular rules are important, and I want to enable students to pursue their own academic goals. In this case, three or so hours seemed basically fair..."

Pierce said that a significant portion of faculty members did not want students to be allowed to register for courses after the deadline. "We all agreed as a committee that we didn't want to do that," said Pierce.

The policy was established in order to prevent students from falling behind in their academic scheduling.

While students may be facing fewer hours of community service, the procedure for petitioning CAS is becoming more involved.

In 1998, each case was handled through an individual discussion with the Dean of Students.

"I had eighty students lined up... it was overwhelming," Pierce recounts.

In subsequent semesters the introduction of some form of punishment, whether it be work with physical plant, detention with Pierce, or community service, has been correlated with a significant decrease in the number of students submitting forms late.

Students must now write petition letters to CAS explaining their situation. Pierce explains this practice evolved out of a "desire for people to reflect on how they could have made the deadline... and to establish a record of accountability."

While Pierce has not received any backlash from students over the punishment, some will not likely be enthralled with the idea of mandated community service.

"If you fail to meet a standard, you have to expect to have no say in the consequence." says Pierce.

Absent-minded Matthew Spear '03 says of his punishment, "I feel like I'm being grounded."

"My preference is to have a positive interaction so that students feel they can approach me in the future," explains Pierce.

"It is important for people to understand that basic course content can not be recovered after a late arrival," Grant says. "Also, it is difficult for teachers to establish a class dynamic when students are coming and going."

"While we allow some flexibility for late or forgotten add slips, I'm much more strict on the drop deadline, and it is not because it's the second deadline of the semester. We want it to be fair for everyone to have the same opportunity for feedback. New information isn't grounds for a change," added Dean Pierce of the Oct. 20 course drop deadline, encouraging students to adhere to the policy.

Pub may serve hard alcohol

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the issue of serving hard liquor in the Pub.

"The school is trying to comply with state law and that's understandable," said Student Assembly President John O'Keeffe '01. "But it's legal for 21-year olds to drink hard alcohol outside of Hamilton, so why should it be any different here?"

> " *The Spectator* has confirmed from numerous administrative sources that cable tv will be activated in all dorm rooms before the end of the year."

Students that are of legal drinking age question why the Pub does not serve liquor.

Many students believe that one reason the Pub tends to be rather empty on weekends is because it does not serve hard alcohol, while the bars downtown can fulfill those needs. Students are able to travel downtown to get "shots," mixed drinks, and just about anything they desire at the two local bars.

"The Pub is so strict with proper identification that any risk the school is taking is at a minimum," said Joe Mondella '01 who works as a bartender at the Pub.

"The school also could discourage students from driving downtown if the pub served hard liquor," Mondella continued. "The Pub is never so crowded that people would be handing each other drinks left and right without being noticed. It isn't that hard for a bartender to remember who they serve soda to and who buys a drink."

The administration has been trying for years to come up with popular alternatives for students who are not interested in simply drinking.

The biggest change may be yet to come.

The Spectator has confirmed from numerous administrative sources that cable tv will be activated in all dorm rooms before the end of the year.

There have been many other suggestions, some which have been implemented, like keeping the Howard Diner open later on weekends.

But the issue of hard alcohol in the Pub will remain a widely discussed issue over the course of this semester. Clearly, there are differing viewpoints among administrators about whether hard liquor belongs in the Pub.

"It would be worth trying it again, especially on a Thursday night, which is senior night," said Director of Student Activities Bev Low.

"You need to pilot the use of hard alcohol," she continued. "If you want to implement something, you give it a test run. However, I don't think a facility on a college campus should offer shots, especially since we no longer allow liquor at student sponsored social events in college facilities. When we're looking at this issue we should be consistent."

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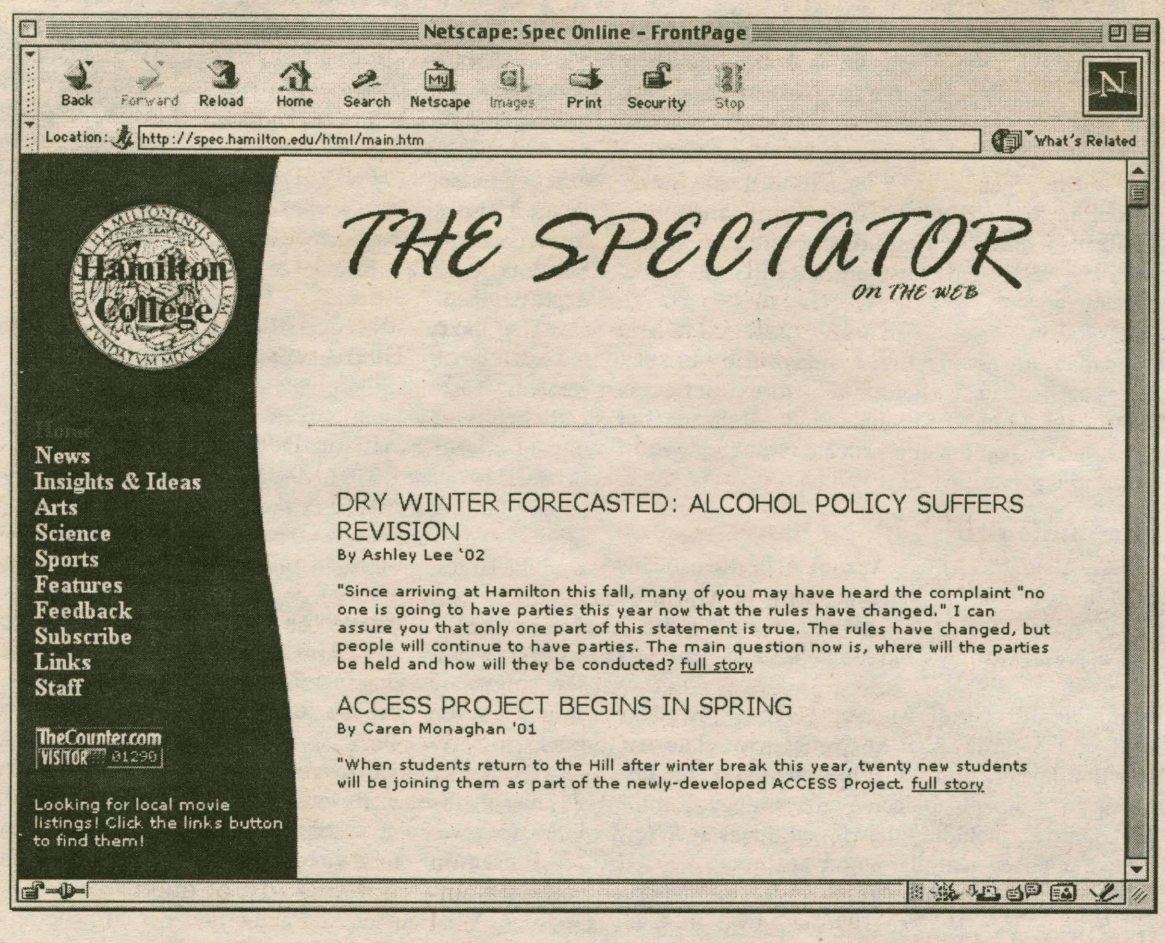
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By Ashley Lee '02
"Since arriving at Hamilton this fall, many of you may have heard the complaint "no one is going to have parties this year now that the rules have changed." I can assure you that only one part of this statement is true. The rules have changed, but people will continue to have parties. The main question now is, where will the parties be held and how will they be conducted? full story
ACCESS PROJECT BEGINS IN SPRING
By Caren Monaghan '01
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Hi, my name is Matt Zeller and I am running for Freshman Class President. I want to aide you, my classmates, as best I can. What better way than serving you as class President? If elected, I would be a great voice for our class. I promise that I would do my best to fulfill your expectations and meet your goals. I have some great ideas (such as improving the nighttime lighting on campus), but I need your help! Together we can make Hamilton the best place it can be! I thank you for your support. Be Stellar Vote Zeller!

Chris Monks:
Hello class of '04 my name is Chris Monks. I feel our class needs a president who is a strong member of the Hamilton community. I am here to get to know my fellow classmates and to assure the needs of each individual. With your support I will be able to make a difference on our campus. If you place your trust in me, the class of 2004 will reach new heights in the upcoming year. Thank you for taking the time to read my platform. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Philip Hadji:
My name is Philip Hadji. I'm running for President because I think the Class of 2004 needs a new kind of leader. I passionately care about people and will truly listen to my classmates. While being a hard a hard working and dedicated individual I'm down to earth and approachable. I care deeply for Hamilton and want to work to keep what we love about it and improve upon what needs to be changed. My desire for the job will allow me to apply myself fully, which will benefit our class tremendously.

Rob Parker:
Dear fellow classmates, My name is Rob Parker and I hope to be your new class president. I anticipate having a great year and making improvements to the school that will not only benefit our class, but the entire Hamilton community. Hard work can and will make it happen. My plans include working to get cable, bringing more activities to campus, bettering the bookstore, and improving the laundry facilities in dorms. If anyone would like more specifics about these ideas, please talk to me. Lastly, I WILL fight for what YOU want. Thank you and please Vote Rob Parker.

Matt Javitch:
My name is Matt Javitch and I want to be your Freshman Class president. A president needs to be social, outgoing, and in touch with the needs and desires of the college community. I posses all of these qualities. In addition, I feel that we, the freshmen, have not been here at Hamilton long enough to develop many deep issues. However, when these cruxes do arise they will be ours as a group, and I am adept and capable of taking our issues to the table and fighting for the rights that we the class of 2004 want and deserve.

Nathaly Francoise:
I would like the class to know that i am very social, enthusiastic, honest, open; i will not say that I won't "make any promises that i will not keep," but rather that I will work as hard as possible to accomplish any goals and satisfy any needs that the class may have. I also look forward to meeting any members of the class of 2004 that i have not yet met. I'd like each member of the class to be familiar with every other member of the class as well. it is impoltant that we are united, as the class of 2004.

Secretary/Treasurer

Brendan O'Donoghue:
Hi, my name is Brendan O'Donoghue and I would like to be your secretary/ treasurer for the class of 2004. I will work diligently with other representatives and officers of the freshmen class to make sure that your concerns are heard and your views are represented. I will make sure that the resources of the freshman class are spent on interesting activities and not squandered on things that do not directly benefit the students. Please vote for me so that I may work for your interests in the Student Government.

Class Representative

Jarrel A. Price:
My name is Jarrel Price. As a representative, I plan on listening to your concerns. I will make sure that issues of the Freshman class are pushed forward to make the beginning of our four years the best times of our lives. I will work to enhance the social community at Hamilton to maintain everyone's interest, excitement, and enthusiasm. By electing me representative, you will be giving yourself a strong and stubborn voice in the student government. Give me this opportunity so that you will get the most out of your four years- You Will See The Hamilton Campus Change.

Katie Rahmlow:
Fellow students: My name is Katie Rahmlow and I am running for Class Representative. And I will be just that: your representative. You can come to me with your ideas and concerns about how to make Hamilton College a better place for all of us and I will make them known to the administration and student assembly. I know that each one of you has an idea to share that will add to the happiness of our school. Our college experience will be so much more rewarding if we are willing to participate. I'm ready, are you?

Rachel Jendrzejewski:
During high school, I served on Student Council for two years and was elected class Vice-President my junior and senior years. Through this and various other leadership roles in school-related functions, workshops, and church and community organizations, I know I have the experience needed to represent our class at Hamilton. I am an organized, involved, open-minded, dependable, hard-working person who loves working with others, and I am always willing to listen to ideas and opinions from the members of our class. I am especially interested in creating a closer-knit community here at Hamilton.

Kristin Merriman:
I have done my research on various organizations, and I am confident that I have found the one that I will strive to remain dedicated to: Student Assembly. I have made the decision to run for Class Representative because I feel I have the communication, leadership and problem-solving skills needed to be an effective member of this organization. I was privileged in high school to have the opportunity to serve in a variety of capacities in our decision-making bodies. I still posses the enthusiasm to serve my school, and I would be honored to represent the Class of 2004.

Marla Nasser:
My name is Marla Nasser and I am running for class of 2004 representative. I've had much experience in student government at my high school. I was co-president of my class for three years, then president of the student body my senior year. I would like to continue my love for involvement at Hamilton as a representative. I will try to improve the amount and quality of events on campus and raise awareness of the outside world through acquiring cable. I promise to work as hard as I possibly can for all the issues that are important to this class.

Honor Court Representative

Leah Tenney:
I am running for the position of the representative to The Honor Court. Being elected to this position would be something that I would be proud of, and that I think that I would really enjoy doing. I would be a good candidate for this position simply because I am fair, and I do not look at anyone or anything with a biased view. Being fair is something that has always been very important to me, as I will do if elected. Thank you.

Judicial Board Representative

William Jones:
The Student Assembly Constitution states, "The purpose of the Judicial Board shall be to uphold community standards and insure the protection of student rights in questions of alleged violation of College policy." I am of the belief that while precedent plays an important role in determining disciplinary action, individual cases vary and an accused person has the right to a hearing to determine the consequences of his or her alleged actions. If you would like to make sure that you're rights as a student of Hamilton College are protected, vote for me as your Judicial Board representative.

Allison Domm:
I would like to be on the judicial board a freshman representative. I was involved in student government at my high school for four years. I was on Student Senate as a representative for my class, as well as being my class's president all four years. I was also on a selective committee which was an aid to the principal. Part of our job was to give student stand points and imput on many issues our school faced. It gave the students a voice. I am very organized and responsible. I like having a role in being part of the

Editorial

This past summer, Hamilton lost a valued member of its community. Andy Collier '02 passed away in a tragic boating accident. For those who knew Andy, his easy-going demeanor and quick smile put you at ease. His generosity was contagious, as was his laughter. While he is missed, those who were friends with him still keep him close to their hearts. He is a rarity - a student who exhibited intense passion in everything he did.

The school held a memorial service at the chapel this past Friday in Andy's memory. Among those in attendance were Andy's family, faculty, students, and President Tobin. Perhaps the most touching and powerful moment was the short speech given by Andy's mother, Sandy. She is a remarkable woman, and her strength and honesty touched all those who attended. She discussed the sadness of her loss, yet she knew she could move forward because she has the love and support of her family.

Just as she has her family, we at Hamilton have each other. At the service, Hamilton received its grieving students with open arms. The memorial service became a place where we all could laugh, smile, and cry together. It is refreshing to see the community rally during such a dark moment. This wonderful moment was witnessed by administrators, professors, and students - and for just one moment the divisions between these groups were non-existent.

The Hamilton community is something that every student hears about, but never believes actually exists. The community does exist and moments like this prove it. Most Hamilton students do not realize that there is such a thing as a community until they leave the hill, but for those of us that were at the memorial service we were able to catch a glimpse of what community is truly about.

It was just as Andy would have wanted it. Andy loved Hamilton more than anything. He was proud to be a student here, and even more so, he was proud to call this place home. This sense of togetherness is something that Andy fostered in every relationship he had, and this was the way that he would have wanted things to be.

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Letters

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the recent opinion piece offered by Bryan Mcgrath. I would like to preface my following reasoned objections, by saying that I do agree with a few points that Mr Mcgrath decided to present, though certainly not with how he chose to word them. It is indeed troubling that students are regularly sent to the hospital due to irresponsible alcohol use, though this phenomenon is certainly not unique to this era, or this college. We should do a better job of watching out for each other, and we have begun to do that. A STUDENT (not administrative) proposal of TIPS training is now in effect, and those who participate will be better able to deal with problem drinkers.

Aside from that, I know I speak for many students when I say that Mr. Mcgrath's letter offended me, and spoke to an insidious problem of "us vs. them" in administration and student dealings. The foul language can be excused, for I can't take issue with someone for merely being strongly worded. But when foul language is used merely as an unproductive rant, it lowers the level of intelligent debate to that of an elementary school recess.

Mr. Mcgrath decides to deride the general student population in several overt manners. "Are students at such a low level of human development that we need to start policing the hallways every damn night", offers Mcgrath. To this I don't even know where to begin, the condescending and infantilizing manner in which Mcgrath chooses to characterize the student population is completely inappropriate and dare I say asinine. After itemizing significant concerns like alcohol poisoning, he goes on to inform us, the reader, that, "the scariest thing is that these students aren't even close to being of age."

This is the pervading opinion of many uninformed contributors to the alcohol debate, that somehow alcohol is fatally poisonous to those under the magic age of 21, but those who have been blessed to have reached that age are somehow immune ("drink all you want older student, wink wink, just not on MY campus "). The reason those "of age" are more responsible with alcohol is because (for the most part) they have experimented with it in what was a generally supportive environment such as college, just as older drivers have far less accidents than a 16 yr. old fresh from the DMV.

Mr. Mcgrath claims that there is no compassion on campus, well perhaps from his very narrow-minded perspective. I believe that the family of the freshman recently injured in a bike accident would disagree, as would almost every student who has ever experienced the love and support of friends on campus without the interference of self-important administrators. Perhaps we recognize that, though tragic, alcohol consumption is ultimately a personal choice, and every person is responsible for his or her own actions.

I commend the many fine people I have had the opportunity to work with through several student organizational bodies, as well as certain administrators (who, surprise!, aren't all bad), for struggling to find effective and reasonable ways to improve our community. Mr. Mcgrath's letter, however, does not belong in that dialogue, and is disgraceful to the very process.

Timothy B. Sapir '02

Insight & Ideas

Like to have fun? Then transfer

JIMMY MCCARTHY

The new social policies at this school are insulting, pathetic, and a complete joke. Hamilton College has become a bureaucratic nightmare where the school uses its power to destroy our sense of community, create insurmountable apathy, and make it a place that students are ashamed to attend.

After reading Bryan McGrath's article last week and listening to administrators talk about Hamilton, you would think this place was the biggest party school in America, when in fact we all know it is pretty boring and predictable.

After all, I've been hearing for too long now that "2/3 = 1/4". That means that most of this campus does not even go out! The very same people who preach about how few people here use alcohol to have fun, are now saying that we are irresponsible and need regulations that destroy all possibilities for an adequate social life.

The new policies mean that there will be no parties during the week. A one hundred person limit means that a society or any other large group cannot even have a party with dates. With many societies having fifty to sixty members, the only choice is to invite a small number of people, if anyone at all. This will divide the school even more than it already is. Thank you officers of the school.

In addition, the new policies demand that one person sign the social host form for a party and if anything regretful should happen, that person must take all of the responsibility. How can one person be held accountable for the actions of hundreds? People are not going to want to sign such a notice and there will be few, if any parties on weekends. Thank you officers of the school.

My favorite new policy is definitely the rule that if you are going to serve alcohol you must also serve food and soda. What are we in middle school? That's right, for every keg you need to have four pounds of food and ten liters of an alternative beverage.

The worst thing about these policies is that students had no control over them. There were discussions last year where a compromise was supposed to be reached. Discussions were set to continue this fall with the intention of having something in place later in the year. Instead, the administration went behind our backs and decided on policies by themselves over the summer.

These new social policies are not only an attempt to stop underage drinking, but are another direct attack on societies. The policies are the administration's response to one freshman's moment of irresponsibility last year. The administration's politics demand that a society be blamed because at Hamilton you are not responsible for your actions. I guess that at Hamilton, one person's misjudgment on one night can lead to a complete and irrational overhaul of the social life. I guess that at Hamilton, you cannot attend a party with your friends even if you are twenty-one years of age! I guess that at Hamilton, the administration can kill the social life with one fell swoop!

Now, I first thought that this new policy would just affect parties at designated social spaces, but I was wrong. These new policies are just part of a larger goal: controlling the social life on the entire campus. For instance, earlier this year some kids were drinking some beer and watching a baseball game in a lounge in Milbank. There were about five of them and they were not making much noise and it was about nine o'clock on a Friday night. Certainly a time when one would expect people to be socializing and perhaps getting ready to go out. Well, in walked two security guards and questioned the kids about what they were doing that night. Did someone call them? Was there a noise complaint? Were there underage drinkers? The answer to all these questions was no. So why were they there? Will they be policing the dorms looking for things all year? If you cannot go to or throw a party and you apparently need to be suspicious of drinking in a dorm, what else can there be to do?

Well, after this incident I was a little angry, but I thought it was a one-time thing and was confident that people would still be allowed to socialize in their own dorms. Unfortunately, I was proven wrong a couple weeks later. I participated in an "around-the-world" party in Milbank, which means different suites all have mini-parties and people are encouraged to walk around to different places and it is a nice change of pace from a society dominated social scene. "Around-the-worlds" have been pretty common and popular in my time here because they are a chance for people to host parties without the need for societies or a social space.

"I guess that at Hamilton, one person's misjudgment on one night can lead to a complete and irrational overhaul of the social life."

Well, at about midnight, security came to break-up the party perhaps for too much noise or suspicion of underage drinkers. Joining our friends at security were three Kirkland police cars who decided to sit outside Milbank for an hour. Why? No one was sick. There were no fights. People were walking back to their dorms. Is the KPD going to be a strong presence on campus this year, even when nothing is going on?

Anyway, a few days later the powers that be decided to blame the dorm party on a society. How can a dorm party be blamed on a society you ask? I thought the same thing. No social space was used. People in suites were from various societies and some, like myself, not in any at all! Somehow security tried to blame the party on a society. Of course this is ridiculous and nothing happened, but the attempt was worrisome enough. What happens a few weeks down the road when South or Carnegie has an "around-the-world?" Is the administration going to blame it on some sorority girls on the third floor?

I have no problem with the officers of the school trying to curb underage drinking, but they can do it without destroying the entire social scene here at Hamilton. People who are twenty-one will not have the opportunity to attend or throw parties this year because of these new policies. There are a lot of positive measures being taken to educate people about the effects of alcohol, and frankly that is all that should be done. Students are always responsible for their own actions and they should be held accountable. No one forces kids to drink. No one forces beer down their throats. However, if you listen to Mr. McGrath or the administration's views, you would think this dull and monotonous campus resembled Animal House.

These social policies are part of a greater problem at Hamilton — leaders not understanding the value of their students. They should be worried when students are unhappy and try to address those concerns, obviously within reason. These policies create more apathy and distrust and many people are unsatisfied here. This school is very concerned with rankings and maintaining high academic standards for new classes of students. These policies hinder both of these goals. When students go home and talk to their friends, guidance counselors, and high school students, what are they going to say about Hamilton?

Student input is one of the most valuable aspects of choosing a college. What about this place is going to make a prospective choose Hamilton over its competitors? Sure, everyone has made some friends and enjoys some of their classes, but there is a lot missing. These policies will hurt our chances of attracting the best students and will also hurt our ability to keep the ones we already have.

I've heard professors and administrators complain about the new bureaucratic ways of Ham-Tech and these social policies themselves, but what are they willing to do about it? The authority figures here have a terrible tendency to pass the buck somewhere else. When you talk to someone in a position of power whether it be security, Res-Life, or a professor, they all play dumb and act like they have no control over anything. I always hear, "Talk to student government" or "I do not have control over that", well whose job is it to answer the bell and stand up for something?

We are always taught to be leaders, to fight for what we believe in, and to take action. Unfortunately, the people who tell us all this, faculty and administrators, will not do it themselves. It is very disheartening when someone of authority tells you they agree with you about something, but will not do anything about it.

Last year, a new curriculum was passed which gave students more control of their education than ever before. There will be no requirements and students will have power to create a schedule that reflects their needs and interests. The assumption for this proposal was that students are mature, responsible adults who are capable of conducting themselves in a positive and professional manner. Now, our leaders tell us that we are reckless, careless, children who do not know right from wrong. I ask you officers of the school, which one is it?

Thumbs Up

- Streaking the campus chanting "Chaos, let the chaos begin"
- The new diner uniforms
- Bryan McGrath's unprovoked rage and potty mouth
- Radio mystery plays

Thumbs Down

- The sorority infested benches on Martin's Way
- 8a.m. cell phone calls from Thailand
- Eating profelactics
- The incompetent stylists at Mastercuts

Leaving Bryan McGrath's Legacy

Seth O'Bryan

In case you missed it, there was a personal attack towards the Hamilton student body in last week's Spectator. I was shocked and disappointed by the words from "Leaving a Legacy" (September 15th pg 5). "I'm at my wit's end," and I don't know where to begin.

First off, I was not aware that "there's no compassion on this campus anymore." Yes, that's not taken out of context, one of our area coordinators stated that there is "no compassion on this campus." That should offend each and every one of us because this line like many others is a personal attack towards our student body. Only twice in this insult to our community is it mentioned that "a portion of students" are the topic of discussion. For the most part, the article writes of "Hamilton students." The exaggeration and generalization of the student body by this administrator is shocking. It is this hostile attitude towards students that creates tension and dividing lines between faculty/administration and the student body.

I was hoping that in my senior year I would help promote people of all colors, races, beliefs, ages, backgrounds, and roles to come together and be one. I'd like to see Hamilton College blossom into a place with intellectualism, friendliness, activism, creativity, and most of all be a place where a variety of people can communicate. That is part of the reason why his article really disappoints me.

Let me give you another line of this article, "I'm beginning to think no one cares about his/her own health and safety anymore." What??? Maybe this article affects me so much, because I know I'm part of the audience he is attacking. I drink. I am part of the "one-third that drinks three-fourths of the alcohol here"....if that survey has any significance. Drinking can be a good time, and you know, sometimes I drink too much. But I care about my health, and I care about the people I'm around.

There is a good point in his article that students do at times drink too much, so much that they are harming their body. At times, students drink so much that they do have to go to the hospital, but they have only themselves to blame. In fact, I made that very mistake once in the past, and I blame no one but myself. I don't look back and say; "Damn those kids that hosted the party just don't care."

The author poses the rhetorical question, "Do students care what happens to their fellow students?" A line like that breaks my heart. I hope my fellow students are as offended as I am by this statement, because it makes me question his entire perception of Hamilton students. Where do you get off making these judgments on the character of our student body?

This is my fourth year here and I know there are many special people here, and everyone has something to contribute to this community. But let me quote some more of his article. "Who could let a fellow student, especially one who has little, if any experience with alcohol, get into a potentially fatal experience?" I believe that every college-level student should be able to be responsible for themselves. This statement is an example of the lack of respect many people have for our student body. Although, my friends and I realize that he might be writing about how every Saturday night we go out, search for freshmen, bring them to our room, and make them drink 30 'stones each, because at our "low level of human development," we just don't care.

The more I think about it, the more I'm fired up. This type of article reminds me of all the new social programming rules. There is one thing that is clear, a lack of respect for the student body. The author says, "Students are all adults! And even though I try real hard to treat students like adults, I don't know if I should anymore." So you are going treat us like kids? What exactly does that mean? At this moment while thinking about his article, I wonder who is the kid, and who is the adult. We are in college, growing into adults, sensing the real world is ahead of us, we know to appreciate these last days of innocence and safety. And I think that for the most part students do a great job of balancing between being an adult and kid. Most students care about this school, themselves, and their fellow peers.

I'm sure sometimes students drink too much, but that is part of learning how to deal with alcohol: when to stop, how to take care of one's self, how to take care of your friends, etc. Drinking is another part of the overall learning process on a college campus. Let me give you another quote from the article that cracks me up, "students cheating death by surviving a blood alcohol content of .2". .2? Most people don't lose consciousness until .3, much less cheat death. (http://www.habitsmart.com/bal.html)

I'm sitting here shaking my head in disgust. I care about you, the readers, the members of Hamilton community and whoever else is out there. I'd go so far as saying, if you ever had a problem and needed someone to talk to, even if I don't know you, I'd listen. There are many people here that feel the same way as me. Sure I get frustrated with some of the conventions of our school and the way attitudes of some students appear, but I hold judgment on the campus as whole. Also as area coordinator, I'm sure the author sees a lot of the bad at this school, but what he is missing is all the good, which is unfortunate since the good is all over the place.

There are a lot of good people out there (as in most of our campus); and to you people, I say thank you. Thank you for being you.

The Demise of Tradition

Ned Marcalus

If students were asked, " Is Hamilton College better off today than it was ten years ago?" none of us could answer that question. Instead those who've made the changes tell the student body they are. Unfortunately many of us pat ourselves on the back for going to a top tier liberal arts college, and proceed on with our very ordinary lives. It seems that the majority of us accept the passing of this school's traditions as if we were mourners sadly watching a funeral procession. We continually fail to be critical of an institution that is washing decades of tradition down the drain. These radical changes occurring now will ultimately hurt our school. So in all due respect to the administration, I quote in the words of Ayn Rand "Let us Alone!" Regulating the free association of the student body through aggressive social policies is an act of institutional destruction.

Let's be honest, Hamilton College should never be like Williams or Wesleyan. Some amongst us will say this statement sells our school short, they continually point to the so-called "fact" that the quality of the student body has increased over the last ten years. To reinforce their argument they always point to the sacred doctrine of evidence, the annual U.S. News and World Report "American College Rankings". My rebuttal to their argument is that the Hill has produced valuable members of society for two hundred years, and changes being made today are irrelevant when we look at the high quality of the alumni that still take active participation in our school.

Look at Colgate University for example; one of the few schools that has maintained academic excellence while preserving its social traditions. Though Colgate is also guilty for violating some of their student's freedoms, it hasn't cut into them so much and so vigorously as Hamilton. For all of us, Colgate needs to be looked to as an example not Williams or Wesleyan.

So when we all find out the news that Hamilton has dropped a few points in the latest rankings, we students should all answer back "who cares". What we need to care about is keeping our sense of purpose and tradition as a school, something that has not been a priority since I arrived on this campus two years ago.

On the same hand, personal freedom needs to be balanced with what many in America and our school seemed to have forgotten which is the practice of personal responsibility for one's own individual actions. Still there will be those who criticize this as a plea to keep the old status quo of what they call "alcoholic recklessness". In response to them we need to say "open your eyes and take a look at the broader perspective." Tradition and purpose to Hamilton College means freedom of association and the freedom to ourselves, not the spineless mutations and indoctrination of what academic administrative experts see as the future of higher education. It is necessary now for students to stand together during this defining moment at our school and prevent anymore-negative change from occurring. We all must do this before we slip further into the doldrums of conformity. Let's do something to make Hamilton College unique; preserve its tradition!

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Not Our Problem

Chip Martin

Man, was I annoyed when I opened the paper last Friday and read the new drinking regulations. Yes, this was in part because I was faced with the idea of not being able to slog through the beer puddles in Bundy each weekend, but it was more because it became evident that the administration did not realize how intelligent their former approach to on campus drinking was. Instead, they decided to drop a set of unrealistically strict rules on students, disregarding the safety and unity of the campus for a zero-liability policy.

Backtrack to last year. This campus not being dry was as much apart of "Hamilton Reality" as 2/3=1/4. The school dealt with this by packing us into the ramshackle old Bundy dining hall every weekend and letting us, for the most part, do what we liked. Most everyone did their drinking on campus, which meant few students were drinking and driving. Drinking in private dorm rooms was reduced, and the school was able to have some sort of control over the situation (i.e., no hard alcohol, security guards). It worked out pretty well for the administration. Students were happy as well, because we were given a certain amount of independence.

Now, with the new drinking rules, more and more parties are going to be forced off campus. With this, the school loses any control over large parties they previously had. Hard liquor? Fair game. Partying until daylight? Fair game. Hey, this could mean better parties for us students, aside from the annoyance of bus rides, but in terms of keeping students safe, the administration has put themselves in a much worse position. Inevitably, with off campus parties comes drunk driving. Whether it be the two minute ride downtown, or a Jeep Cherokee filled to the roof with kids trying to avoid riding the bus to the Bog, restricted campus parties mean more students out on the road who have been drinking.

Drinking in dorms will also increase due to these new rules. With Nowhere to go, it is obvious more and more people will just spend their nights in a dorm room. Over this next year, the art of fitting 30 people and a Beirut table into a Dunham quad will be revolutionized! Drinking in dorms leads to more vandalism and bigger messes for the janitors to deal with on Monday. Students are also going be drinking more and ending up in the hospital more.

You may ask where I am coming from with that one, but think about it. Who is going to get drunker: The kid in a dorm room with hard liquor and a mini-fridge of Old Milwaukee 4 steps away, or the kid at Bundy, who has to wrestle for 10 minutes for the chance to wave his cup in the face of the keg guy and hope he eventually gets his half a cup of warm, cheap beer? Poor Bryan McGrath is going to be getting more 3am phone calls from the hospital than ever. (And thank you to my friend, we'll call him G, who offered to get really drunk by himself in his dorm room to show the administration that is isn't about location or amounts of people. Way to take one for the team, G.)

As for the new rules concerning one person signing for responsibility, I have a question: Is this any more than a scare tactic designed to reduce the amount of people willing to accept the risk of throwing a party? I understand the need for the school to limit their liability, but there has to be some sort of middle ground between the school taking the blame and one poor kid being responsible for making sure that everyone in Bundy hasn't had too much to drink. What is the problem with societies or groups signing responsibly? As an organization, they can handle legal matters easier. That works better than one individual losing his house because someone was injured at a party.

Now, that I've said all that, I do need to look at it through the administration's eyes. Yes, we are here to get an education, and boozing it up doesn't exactly help that. But you can't limit drinking on campus when the only alternative on Friday nights is CAB's 7pm showing of "Weekend At Bernie's". There needs to be activity. Additionally, how many times do you ever find 1000 Hamilton students hanging out together when there is no beer? Not many. It is a shame, but it is the truth. Limiting parties is only going to divide our cliquish campus even further.

That isn't even all the arguments, but I am running out of room. Just think about the fact that members of large societies are going to have to take turns inviting their friends to Thursday night parties to stay under the 100-person limit, or that this means the end of the harmless keg at comedy shows. Also, who is going to apply to Hamilton when word gets out that it is about as exciting as Herkimer County Community College?

Congratulations to the administration for wiping their hands of any responsibility for problems with alcohol on campus. I hope they sleep easier for it. I wonder if they realize that they trashed a good system that, with a few changes, could have been a great system. The school could have started by simply instituting better awareness programs and training servers better, instead of completely rewriting the rules. I just hope they don't feel bad when their decision comes back to haunt them. Hospital trips and unhappy students won't go unnoticed by the Princeton Review.

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Science in the News

Global warming or summer heat? A North Pole dilemma

By Yina Luo '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In August, open water at the North Pole was discovered. A group of American tourists and vacationing scientists were startled when they reached the North Pole on board a Russian icebreaker to find that there was no ice to break. The nearest stretch of ice capable of bearing the weight of the tour party was six miles away. Scientists said it was probably the first time in several million years that the pole had been ice-free.

The question that immediately comes to mind is whether or not we are facing a melting ice cap. Many people think that it is a wake-up call to global warming, while others insist that the diminishing polar ice only reflects some natural cycles.

"The fact of having no ice at the pole is not so stunning," said Dr. Claire Parkinson, a climatologist at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. "But the report said the ship encountered an unusual amount of open water all the way up. That is reason for concern." He also stated that a continuation of the melting trend at the North Pole could have consequences for the survival of select Arctic plant and animal species.

Many regard the open water at the North Pole as a wake-up call to global warming, while others cite natural cycles as the cause.

Other evidence also raises many concerns about the melting zone. The surface area of the Arctic ice cap has shrunk more than five percent in the past two decades, and its thickness has dropped by almost half. Peter Wadhams, who is a veteran of Arctic submarine voyages, and is a member of the Cambridge-based Scott Polar Research Institute in England, made the prediction that at such a rate, the sea ice over the Arctic will have vanished in 50 years.

This melting trend bears with it several questions regarding global warming. Directly, the disappearance of the shiny white ice at the pole means the loss of a huge reflector that beams the sun's heat back into space. Open water is darker and absorbs heat better. In other words, the loss of the polar ice would add to the rise in global temperatures. The melting ice cap will not cause immediate flooding, but sea levels are predicted to rise by 70 cm in the coming century, putting the people of low-lying countries like Bangladesh at a greater risk of disaster.

There are several industrial implications of the disappearance of the ice cap. Should the "Northwest Passage" formed by the open water remain, merchant ships would be able to cut almost 5,000 miles off of the Europe-Japan sea route by zipping across the North Pole. Oil prospectors and trawlers would inundate the newly opened waters. One can only imagine the ways that these industrial moves would affect the ecosystem. For example, many animals that are exclusive to the Arctic region, such as the polar bear, would have a significantly reduced area in which to live.

The surface area of the Arctic ice cap has shrunk more than 5 % in the past 2 decades

As millions of television viewers and newspaper readers were alarmed by the melting pole and its possibly disastrous effects on our planet, some scientists assert that the appearance of open water at the North Pole in the middle of summer is not a cause for concern. They argue that there has been open water at the pole before.

Mark Serreze, a scientist at the University of Colorado National Snow and Ice Data Center, is disappointed by the fact that the North Pole report received so much negative attention. "You can't conclude anything about global warming from that observation," he said. "We've known for years that open areas develop in the ocean. It's happened before and will happen again."

Hamilton Professor of Geology Eugene Domack acknowledges that the situation is a complicated one. He notes that our perspective is very limited compared to geological time, as humans have only been visiting the pole for the last 100 years. Domack said that the only way to assess whether the pole had been open in history is to analyze sediment cores from the bottom of the ocean below the North Pole. These cores contain layers of sediment which scientists can evaluate to determine the state of the ocean at different points in geological history.

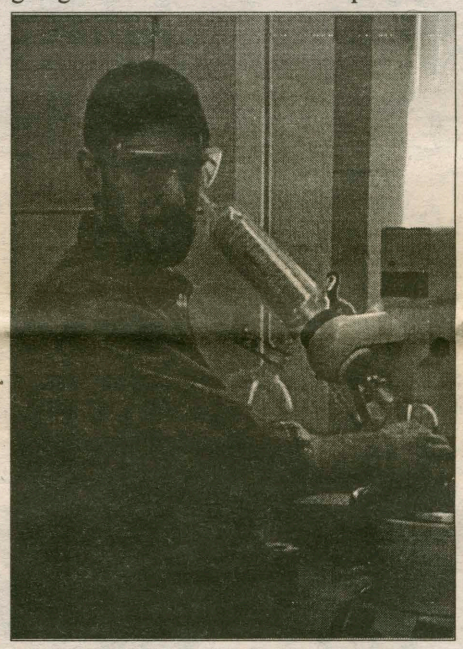
This technique will not account for short periods of open water such as a year, but it will illustrate the geological periods in which the North Pole was solid or liquid. The best evidence of open ocean at the pole dates back to the Eocene period, which was 36 million years ago.

The question on many minds is whether global warming is to blame for the watery pole. Or, is this condition due to a weather cycle, where the ice shrinks and thickens in a regular way over time? Climate issues are complex and often open to a variety of approaches. The only way to assess this situation at this point seems to be to wait and see what the coming seasons have in store for the North Pole.

Guest column: Hamilton faculty member opposed to pesticide use to combat West Nile

We would like to express our strong opposition to the insecticide spraying program initiated by Oneida County in response to the discovery of birds testing positive for the West Nile virus in the region. We oppose the spraying program because we feel the risks involved do not outweigh the benefits.

While we recognize that the medical problems resulting from contraction of the virus may in rare cases be severe, only a very small number of those people who contract the virus experience even the mildest disease symptoms. Furthermore, a person has control over the risks he or she is exposed to. If one is worried about contracting the virus, he or she can choose to avoid areas where mosquito concentrations are high, avoid going outside at times when mosquitoes are most active, and wear insect repellent if one has no choice but to go out. With the insecticide spraying program, we are all put at risk, whether we like it or not. While Anvil, the insecticide being used, is believed to be a "relatively safe" insecticide, all insecticides are toxic substances, designed to kill. Anvil is considered to be "relatively safe" because it is known that the short-term effects of Anvil on humans and other mammals are relatively minor. However, the long-term effects of Anvil on humans are not well established. The Environmental Protection Agency has classified Anvil as a possible human carcinogen, meaning that exposure to it may lead to cancer. It is also known to be an endocrine disrupter. Among other effects, endocrine disrupters lower sperm counts in men and cause abnormal breast cell growth in women.



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Associate Professor of Chemistry Ian Rosenstein insists that the spraying of the chemical Anvil is not the best way to combat the West Nile Virus.

Equally distressing are the effects that application of Anvil will have on other elements of the environment. Anvil is nonspecific when it comes to killing insects. This means that many other insects, including dragonflies and other beneficial insects which actually feed on mosquitoes, will be exterminated. Also, although there are 65 species of mosquito identified in New York State, only three species are known to carry the virus. The virus and only a fraction of those individuals actually do so. Anvil is also extremely damaging to aquatic environments, killing both fish and marine invertebrates. The label on a container of Anvil (available on the Internet) says, "for terrestrial uses, do not apply to water or areas where surface water is present." The label also states, "It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling." It is, therefore, particularly distressing to note that the Oneida County spraying program has included open water portions of the Utica Marsh, a very important ecological area in our region.

The risks involved in spraying the pesticide Anvil do not outweigh the benefits.

Finally, we question the effectiveness of this spraying program. How many mosquitoes does the county expect to kill? All of them? Clearly, there is no way one could wipe out the entire mosquito population in the county (and think of the ecological harm that would do to the food chain if one could). Do they expect to eradicate the disease for good with one application of Anvil? Unfortunately, now that the disease has arrived in New York, it is probably here to stay. In fact, West Nile virus differs little from several other mosquito borne, encephalitis-causing viruses that have been present in the United States for decades. Does the county expect to spray every summer, several times a summer, from now on? If so, the ecological damage done to the region over time will be enormous.

The risks to the human population of the county would also increase greatly with subsequent pesticide applications. For example, it has recently been shown that an individual's risk of getting Parkinson's disease is related to the number of times the person has been exposed to insecticides in their lifetime. Finally, it is known that insect populations develop resistance to a range of pesticides over incredibly short timespans. This means that many of the mosquitoes that come into contact with Anvil will not be killed, nor will they be killed by future applications of this or other insecticides.

The West Nile virus is a long-term problem should be dealt with by educating people to engage in behavior that will minimize their risk of contracting the virus. It is not a problem that can be solved by the application of pesticides.

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The AIDS epidemic: an undeclared war

This summer in Durban, South Africa, the 13th World AIDS conference convened to discuss and assess the situation of AIDS in the world's societies

By Betsy Gekonge '01
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Human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV) is the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). AIDS was first described in 1981 and is considered the modern plague; a worldwide pandemic with over 22.5 million people in sub Saharan Africa alone currently infected. Today in Africa, AIDS is claiming more lives than the sum total of all wars, famines, flood and ravages of such deadly diseases as Malaria. AIDS is wiping out the developmental gains of past decades and sabotaging the future.

The clinical manifestations of the disease stem from the failure of the immune system as a result of the virus' attack on lymphocytes, cells that recognize other cells in the body that are labeled for destruction.

Finding a cure for the AIDS epidemic has proven to be a formidable task and was the main focus of the 13th World AIDS Conference held this summer in Durban, South Africa between July 9 and 14.

Several of the presentations heard during the conference focused on HIV genetic diversity, new vaccine designs, AIDS vaccine development specifically for Africa, gender and sexuality and their relationship to the scourge, cost of medical care and prevention policies.

Due to numerous errors in rapid replication of the HIV genome, the genetic make-up of the virus is constantly changing. The continuing evolution of the virus has added to the complexity of tracking the epidemic and caused the virus to attain better viral fitness. In other words, as the virus constantly changes, fighting it becomes more difficult. The development of an HIV vaccine is the most crucial challenge in HIV research, and this debate was dubbed the most important session at the conference. The major point of the debate focused on the identification and the development of an AIDS vaccine. The need to shorten the timelines for clinical trial design, vaccine preparation and treatment approval process were also discussed.

During the conference, several African-based researchers who are currently developing vaccines said that their overall goal is to develop an affordable vaccine. Thabo Mbeki, president of the conference, argued that poverty is a main factor behind the spread of the epidemic, and a deep silence is kept both on national and international levels about expenditures for AIDS patients.

Other investigators also discussed their search for a microbicide (any substance that kills germs), which women at high risk of contracting the virus could use. One of the candidates was Nonoxyl-9, a widely sold spermicide, which showed activity against HIV in laboratory tests.

An interesting fact was brought up that circumcision, which has been widely and traditionally practiced in Africa, decreases the likelihood of a male becoming infected with HIV. In providing a possible biological explanation for this finding, a paper in the British Medical Journal stated that the inner surface of the foreskin contains Langerhans cells, which have an area on their surface that could allow the entry of HIV. Removal of the foreskin would apparently decrease this risk of infection. However, a rigorous study is needed to scientifically determine the degree of protection of circumcised males.

Clinical researchers said that some of the vaccine prototypes are currently in their preliminary stages in England, Kenya and Thailand. These projects may not be completed for another five to ten years. Even at that point, a cure for AIDS may be a distant goal.

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Upcoming Science Events and Seminars

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The students who performed summer science research at Hamilton will present their projects
Friday, October 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the Events Barn

Biology Seminars:

"Firefly Natural History and Biology in Research and Teaching"
Presented by Dr. James Lloyd, from the University of Florida
Monday, September 25 at 4:10 p.m. in the Science Auditorium

Chemistry Seminars:

"Silicone Chemistry: Photocurable Coating Applications"
Presented by Richard Eckberg of GE Silicones
Friday, October 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chemistry Auditorium

Arts & Entertainment

Concerts On Campus

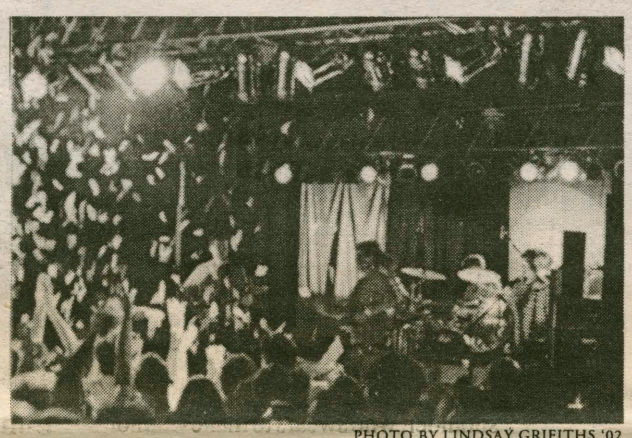
They Might Be Giants gives off-beat performance and wins over sold-out crowd

by Megan Drumm '04
A&E WRITER

Last Saturday night amidst a crowd of shouting college students, faculty members, and teenagers from the town of Clinton, They Might Be Giants (TMBG) took the stage in the Hamilton College Annex. Those lucky enough to attend the sold-out show that night witnessed live performances of TMBG staples such as "Particle Man" and "Birdhouse in Your Soul."

For those unfamiliar with the group, TMBG's music is probably like nothing you've ever heard before. Hailing from Brooklyn, NY, the duo of John Linell and John Flansburg has been recording its quirky but infectious and intelligent-sounding pop music for almost 20 years. The group mixes traditional rock instruments, such as the bass, guitar, and drums, with instruments unique to their sound, such as the accordion and the glockenspiel. While TMBG has not quite gained mainstream popularity, the band has been a steadfast, crowd-pleasing favorite among high school and college students. In fact, their latest album, "Long Tall Weekend," is only available in mp3, the average college student's preferred music format.

Though many might call their shows off-beat for playing songs on such obscure topics as the makeup of the sun ("Why Does the Sun Shine?") and the renaming of cities ("Istanbul, not Constantinople"), most of the audience Saturday night would have called TMBG's a lot of fun. Certainly no one could call it dull. Complete with a history lesson on James K. Polk, TMBG kept the crowd pumped up throughout their 90-minute show. The group even took audience requests at one point. While the security guards kept the crowd from getting too rowdy, by breaking up several attempts to create mosh pits, the energy that the band created was evident in the dancing, head bopping, and jumping members of the crowd.



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They Might Be Giants, shown here in the Annex, played their old and new hit songs.

The audience couldn't get enough of TMBG, and when the group finished the performance for the evening without playing "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)" the audience proceeded to cheer for five minutes straight until the group came back out for an encore.

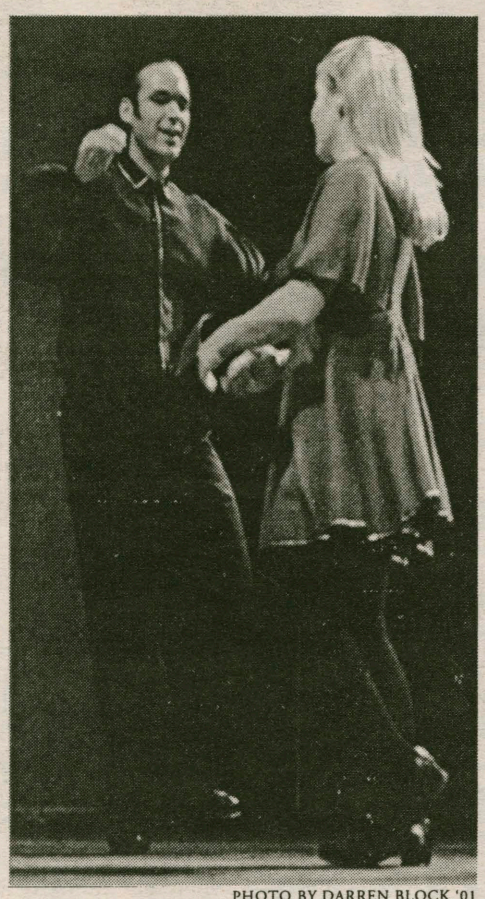
For those of you who did not or were not able to attend this concert, I highly recommend that you see They Might Be Giants live in concert at some point. Their musical styling is sure to leave you wanting more. So go with a group of friends and be ready to have fun, because the concert is sure not to disappoint.

Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble dazzled Wellin Hall with traditional dances

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
A&E WRITER

On September 16th, the Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble dazzled the audience at Wellin Hall with a spectacular multicultural celebration of percussion dance forms rooted in different cultures. The group, which has recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, presented a lively program that combined spectacular dancing with live music, comedy, singing, and story telling.

The small, immensely talented group of six dancers performed dances that spanned the centuries from traditional Celtic and English fiddle dances to contemporary American percussion dance. Many different art forms from all over the world were beautifully represented, including an old-time Irish waltz, a modern jazz tap dance, an English Clog Dance, Flatfoot (an old style Southern Appalachian improvisational dance), a French Canadian step dance, and an African American gospel song. While watching the concert and enjoying the amazing dancing, you could not help but be struck by the stories beyond the dances. The concert was not merely a collection of different songs and dances, but a celebration of the "many people who came to this land bringing their rhythms and melodies, steps and dances, who met each other here to create a living tradition."



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Footworks dancers performed in Wellin Hall last Saturday as part of the Kirkland Project's Southern Accents series.

Three musicians playing a combination of fiddle, guitar, banjo, bass, and mandolin accompanied many of the dances. The immense energy of the dancers and musicians filled the entire concert hall. Often, the performers burst out with what seemed like spontaneous cheering or howls in the midst of dancing. They also frequently gestured to the audience in a successful attempt to make us feel like participants in the show, encouraging us to yell and stomp so that we too may feel like we are "changing the world." The performers were able to establish a rapport with the audience that gave the evening a very special quality.

In the program and throughout the concert, the audience was given background into the history behind the various dances and songs. Some of the most memorable moments included a friendship dance, a traditional Cherokee Prayer/Dance to the Four Directions of the Earth, and Hambone (an African American boy percussion dance). The stunning Trash Dance tackled the contemporary duty of recycling in a fresh and innovative way, making an art form out of one of daily chores of modern life.

The Footworks Ensemble takes as its theme: "music is everywhere and life is a dance." The dazzling many-faceted talent of the Footworks Ensemble made that promise a reality for the lucky Wellin audience.

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3) **Jets to Brazil**
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5) **Joan of Arc**
The Gap

6) **Olivia Tremor Control**
Singles and Beyond

7) **Jimmy Eat World**
Singles

8) **Pram**
The Museum of Imaginary Animals

9) **The Go-Betweens**
The Friends of Rachel Worth

10) **6ths**
Hyacinths and Thistles

11) **Marshmallow Coast**
Marshmallow Coasting

12) **Koufax**
It Had To Do with Love

13) **Hot Rod Circuit**
If It's Cool with You, It's Cool with Me

14) **The Jealous Sound**
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15) **Ruck Rover**
Before We Lost It

16) **Arab Strap**
Mad for Sadness

17) **Mojave 3**
Excuses for Travellers

18) **Eleventh Day Dream**
The Stalled Parada

19) **Pele**
The Nudes

20) **Damon and Naomi**
Damon and Naomi with Ghost

21) **Ida**
Will You Find Me

22) **The Glands**
The Glands

23) **Elliott**
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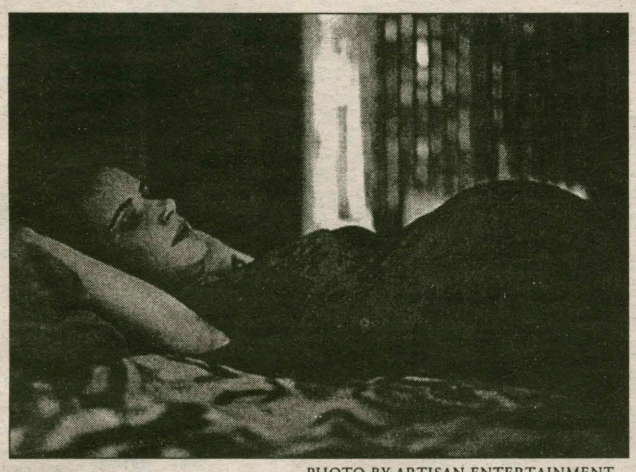
Spectator At The Movies

Way of the Gun is too much blood and not enough style

by Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER



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Juliet Lewis, seen here pregnant, plays the surrogate motherof a businessman connected to the mob in Way Of The Gun

The brilliant mind behind *The Usual Suspects*, writer Christopher McQuarrie, takes a turn at double duty-writing and directing yet another sleek crime caper. McQuarrie himself confessed to Entertainment Weekly that since everyone wanted him to write another crime film, he would do it in "a way that no one would ever ask him to make a crime film again." After seeing his new film, *Way of the Gun*, it is fairly safe to say that McQuarrie's request will be granted. This film may have had a significantly greater impact on filmmaking if it had come along about five or six years ago. McQuarrie follows the cool, glossy, convoluted path set by Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, and if *Gun* had been made right around the same time, it would have been praised for its unique new, style. Unfortunately, the look is dulled, the plot is just plain confusing, and the high intensity shoot-em-ups laced with ballet-style choreography, though still interesting to watch, are filled with derivativeness. Still, the film manages to throw in some really great scenes, and is by all rights better than most movies in theaters now.

The film centers on two drifting criminals, Ryan Phillippe (*Cruel Intentions, 54*), and the always entertaining Benicio Del Toro (*Usual Suspects, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*), who believe they've come up with one great, last "go off and live a good life" plan: kidnap Juliette Lewis (*Natural Born Killers*), the surrogate mother of a wealthy businessman. What these two don't know is the certain businessman they are baiting is heavily connected with the mob and is himself a highly accomplished money launderer. Many more people get involved in the story, including James Caan (*Godfather, Eraser*), an aging henchman who has a deep emotional connection to the situation, and two mob goons, Taye Diggs (*Go*) and Nicky Katt (*Boiler Room*), who believe they can swindle the swindlers and would rather die trying than be defeated.

The film becomes a jumbled mess of back-stabbings and two-timings; everything one would expect from the creator of *Suspects*. The plot is relentlessly twisted and doubled over. The final scene is one of the craziest and silliest endings of all time; a long, drawn out shoot-out between the two "anti-heroes." *Way of the Gun* deserves the title "Pulp Western", since it combines two very different genres of film. Ultimately, Gun is a film in which plot machinations are favored over every other aspect of film, including emotion.

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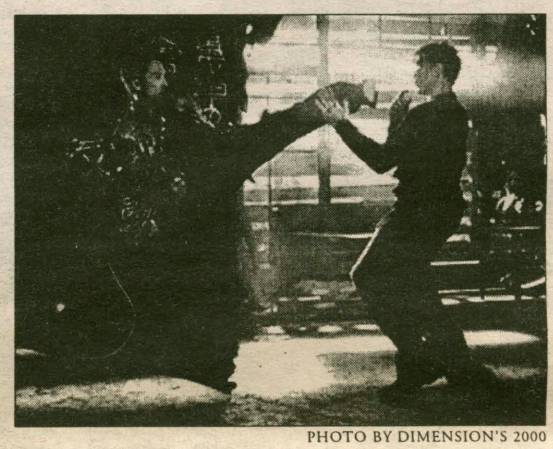
Like Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid, Ryan Phillippie and Benicio Del Toro are criminals you hate to love in *Way Of The Gun.*

Highlander: Endgame - Will the saga ever end?

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

As I think back to the two hours I wasted watching *Highlander: Endgame*, I find myself searching desperately for the right place to start ripping it apart. It's hard to critique a motion picture that you find to be sub-standard in all of its aspects: acting, cinematography, script, dialogue, editing, and directing. Nothing is spared; it's all terrible, and you'd much rather pretend you never saw it. If you've seen any of the Highlander movies, or at least some of the television series, you probably have a good idea of the plot already: the world is sparsely populated by a breed of immortals who try to kill each other because "there can only be one." This is one of many indecipherable epitaphs surrounding this movie. My other favorite is "they simply are," which is the best that screenwriter Joel Soisson could come up with in answers to the question, "where did all these crazy immortals come from, and what are they doing here?"



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Donnie Yen and Adrian Paul fight it out in *Highlander: Endgame.*

The vanquisher from previous Highlander flicks, Connor MacLeod (Christopher Lambert0 is back, this time the mentor of his relative Duncan MacLeod (Adrian Paul), now in the spotlight because Lambert has a few too many gray hairs to be credible as immortal. You know that Duncan has a higher chance of being the remaining immortal at the end of the episode, because he manages to be the best looking immortal in the lot, with his quasi-Sean Connery features. Another key character is Jacob Kell (Bruce Payne), the ugly guy with a chip on his shoulder, who swears to make Connor's life an endless nightmare by systematically killingf all his friends and love interests. The difference between us(mortals) and them (immortals), judging by this film, is that while we hustle and bustle to make ends meet, they spend most of their eternity fighting each other and remembering the good old days in 1582. Director Douglas Aarniokoski does not spare us these memories we see. For example, Connor dressed in animal skins stammering to get the Scottish accent right, as well as the first meeting between Connor and Duncan, in which the latter is informed of his immortalit by the line, "You're like me. You have a hard time dying." In fact, despite a fatal wound, Duncan finds himself feeling no worse than if he had just stubbed his toe. If this whole thing is starting to sound like a parade of the absurd, I am doing the movie justice.

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Lisa Barbuscia and Bruce Payne of *Highlander: Endgame* look in disbelief and ask themselves why they made this horrible, poorly scripted movie.

But *Highlander: Endgame* is not merely a bad script poorly executed on all levels; what is even more irritating is the confusion and enigma it leaves with if you're like me and you never bothered with anything Highlander-related except for maybe the first movie. The film was left with a lot of loose ends. Why is it that "there can be only one," and how is it possible for two immortals to be friends if eventually they have to kill each other? What "game" is it referring to, and what "en" when we know perfectly well that Highlander V is in the making? As I've had it explained to me, "You just don't get it. It's like *Star Trek*. You have to see the other movies. You're either into it, or you're not." Well, there are cases of movies that are sequels that can stand alone and can be deemed worthwhile entertainment without the audience knowing much from the previous episodes. For example, the equals to *The Godfather* and *Raiders Of The Lost Ark* are easy to follow.

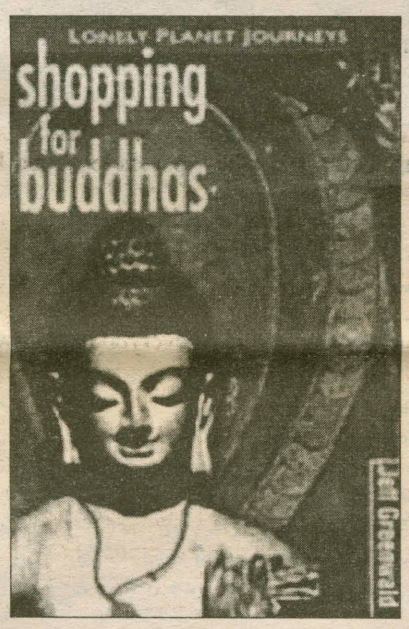
A compelling piece of art should be accessible to everyone; *Highlander: Endgame* is a mediocre work intentionally dished out for the addicts, in much the same way as a soap opera is. So, if you need your Highlander fix, it's all yours. If not, don't bother with this film.

Book Review

Shopping for Buddhas

by Erin Post '01
A&E WRITER

Travel writing as a genre occupies a precarious place in the world of literature. These books appeal to us because they are true; they convey a sense of immediacy and reality. They tell us something of actual places on earth, and as readers we need to sense this honesty and commitment to personal experience in order for us to accept a work as "travel literature". At the same time these books must tell a story and appeal to the reader's conception of plot and character. Authors must still develop suspense and excitement throughout the piece, even if for no other purpose than to hold the reader's attention. Jeff Greenwood's book, Shopping for Buddhas, negotiates this space by using humor and a disparate range of subjects united by one common theme: the search for a perfect Buddha statue. Throughout the book, published under the series title "Lonely Planet Journeys", Greenwood takes up subjects ranging from discursive tales of electrocuted crows to an examination of human rights abuses in Nepal.



At times humorous and irreverent, Greenwood puts a decidedly American twist on the scenery and history of Nepal. In the sense of cultural clash capitalist, westernized American meeting an eastern system he attempts to contextualize Shopping for Buddhas proves to be a humorous read. For instance, he expresses his need to find a souvenir buddha statue by writing, "It was as if here, in this distant, exotic land, we were compelled to raise the art of shopping to an experience that was, on the one hand, detached and almost Zen. Our ultimate goal was, after all, enlightenment, and on the other hand tinged with desperation, like shopping at Macy's or Bloomingdale's during a one day only White Sale." However, sometimes Greenwood's writing would benefit from a more culturally aware look at Nepalese society. For example, he describes a long and arduous journey to an ani gompa, a place where an enlightened woman, the Khandroma Rimpoche, was said to be residing. She blessed "katas", traditional greeting scarves, and supplied "mantras" to the select few who braved the steep ascent to her secluded residence. Greenwood comments, "What better souvenir of our visit to the Khandroma Rimpoche than a fine silk kata, infused with the spiritual essence of Padmasambhava's closet consort?" This type of comment permeates the book, and although at times funny, each reinforces the notion of the stereotypical self-absorbed American tourist. Had Greenwood delved a little deeper into the reality of Nepalese life, Shopping for Buddhas would have been a much more fulfilling read. Although he does take up human rights issues toward the middle and the end of the book, he does so from the perspective of an outsider looking in.

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The Patriot R
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What Lies Beneath R
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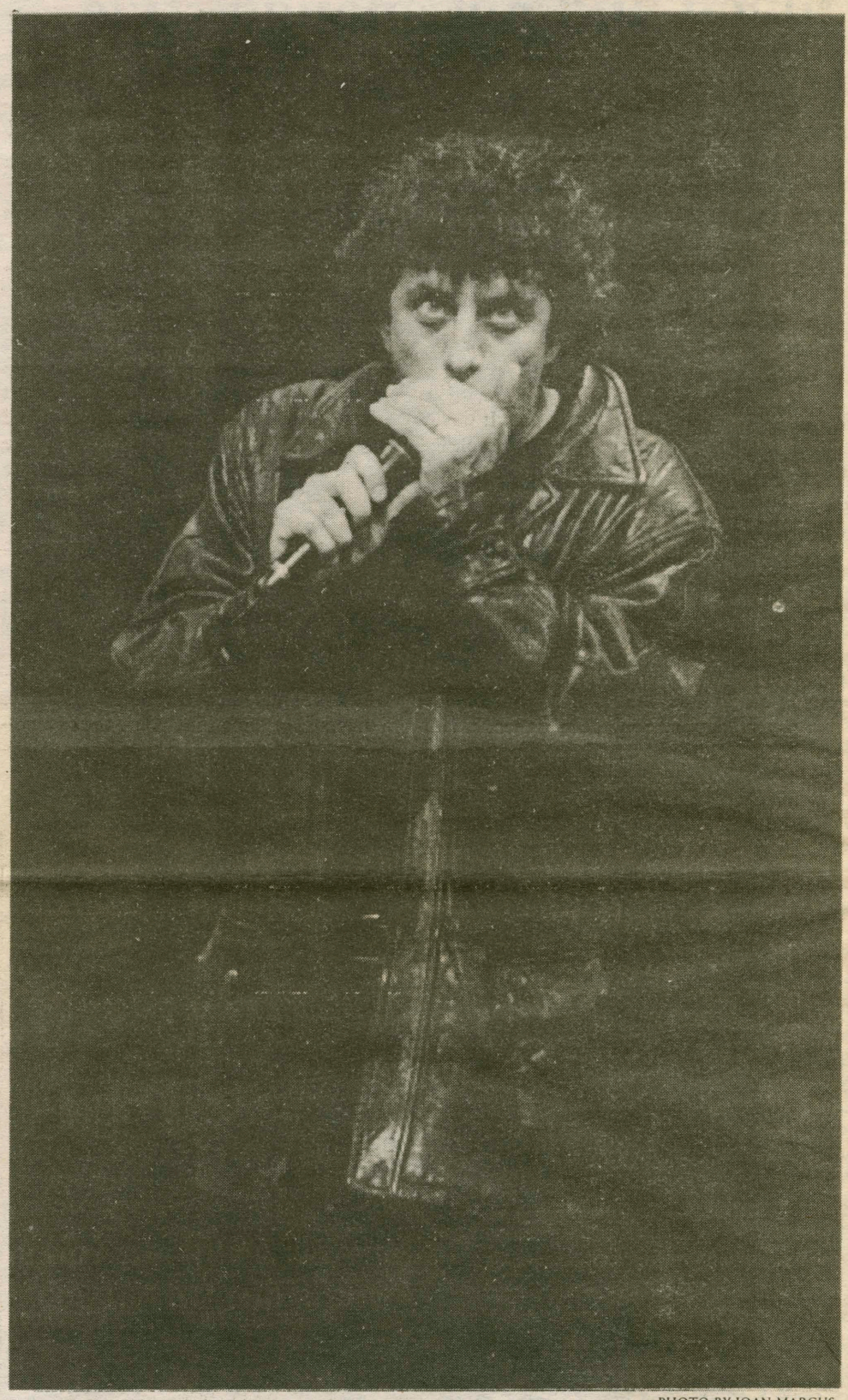

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D.C. lawyer, alumna ties academics to current events

Molly Johnson '85 teaches Psychology and Law while working for Federal Judicial Center

By Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES EDITOR

Bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-life applicability, Molly Johnson is teaching her Psychology and Law class for the second time this fall. The offering of this innovative course and its popularity amongst the student body demonstrates the encouraging connection between academic material and current events and issues. According to Johnson, "This subject matter is very pervasive. It ties in with a lot of current events, for example the O.J Simpson trial, the Jon Benet Ramsey case, and the Elian Gonzales situation." Johnson, a 1985 Hamilton graduate who has a Ph.D. in psychology from Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from the University of Maryland, explained her ambitious dual academic pursuit in saying, "I didn't want to choose, I have always been interested in both psychology and law." While at Hamilton, Johnson majored in psychology and minored in French, in addition to playing on the women's tennis team and acting in winter theatre productions during the now obsolete "Winter Term."

After practicing law for one year, Johnson contacted the psychology department in spring 1999 to see if they would be interested in adding the class. Evidently, the department took the bait, hiring her as a lecturer in psychology. The course was first offered to students last fall. According to Johnson, " I have always been interested in teaching research psychology."

However, teaching is only one of the hats that Johnson wears right now, as she has worked for the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. since 1991. She worked in D.C. until 1996, and then moved to upstate New York when her husband got a job in the psychology department at Colgate University. Johnson explained her job in saying. "It is a federal government agency for research and continuing education of federal judges. We do evaluations of court programs and policies, and conduct research to improve them."

Johnson's Psychology and Law class, which is at maximum enrollment, discusses a diversity of topics, including the psychology of criminal behavior, eyewitness identification, jury selection and functioning, the controversial insanity defense, and the debate over the validity of recovered and repressed memories. Johnson, who telecommutes for her responsibilities with the Federal Judicial Center, believes that the dual commitments of her unorthodox work situation positively benefit one another. She explained, "My job in D.C. brings me things to talk about in class. I have learned a lot about research methods in applied settings. Here, continually interacting with young people whose focus is learning is unique, and it makes me keep current." Johnson communicates with her organization in every way that she can: through email, phone and fax- and she travels to Washington, D.C. every couple of months for meetings.

Although the class is large and sometimes follows a lecture format, Johnson stressed that she strives to keep the classroom interactive and engaged in critical thinking. She explained, "I want to hear from my students. I like to hear their thoughts, so I break them into discussion sections to reinforce the concepts of our lectures." According to class member Dean Scherza '02, "She breaks us into discussion sections each week and everybody has a turn as a group leader. The first week we did a mock jury." Scherza and his roommate and fellow classmate Jay Gadbaw '02 confirmed the appeal of Johnson's approach,"Some days are lecture, but other days we have discussion sections and it is something completely different altogether. She breaks it up really nicely, and it makes the class flow."

Evident through her return to campus to teach, Johnson believes strongly in the value of a liberal arts education. Looking back at the most important assets she gained from her college experience, she commented, "The emphasis on critical thinking skills and both written and oral communication." Johnson's graduate work at Johns Hopkins University and her classroom experiences at Hamilton informed her that teaching at Hamilton, rather than a large research-oriented university, was the way to go. Johnson fondly remembers being a student of psychology professors Doug Weldon and Jonathan Vaughan, "They were both excellent professors, and they helped to spark my interest in psychology." She said, "At Johns Hopkins, teaching is not rewarded. I wanted to be in a place that takes teaching seriously, I think that liberal arts are very important."

Johnson admits that her perspective on Hamilton changed when she moved from behind the desk to in front of it. Johnson noted a few specific campus improvements that have occurred since she was a student: the widespread use of computers, more options for social life, and the addition of the Jitney service. She said, "People used to have to hitchhike on the weekends to get up the Hill!" Although she admits that the campus is more diverse than when she was a student, she said, "I wouldn't say that [the current students] strike me as very different than the people that I went to school with." So far, her students have fulfilled her expectations, "I have been pleased with my students. I am impressed with their writing skills and their curiosity." However, one improvement that she hopes to see is, "For them to be intellectually curious for the sake of curiosity rather than for the grade. I want to see that people are really interested, and that they get fired up about things."

So what gets Johnson fired up about psychology and law? She said, "The two [disciplines] are two very different ways of looking at the world. Psychology uses the scientific method and is constantly adding knowledge, you do not accept anything as fact. In law, the Supreme Court's answer is everybody's answer, and serves as the precedent to all other decisions. In my study, I draw on both backgrounds and am aware of both."

In regards to her plans for the future, Johnson mentioned, "I would love to do my own psychological research, hopefully in conjunction with students. I would like to focus on memory issues, and, specifically, ways to make witnesses' memories more accurate." Concerning knowledge she has acquired in her post-college life, she commented, "I realize now that you really can have flexible work arrangements. At first, you need to put in the time. Once you establish a reputation, then you have lots of negotiating power." Johnson, who is also a mother of a two-year-old son, spends a couple of days during the week at home with him, while working part-time for Hamilton and part -time for Federal Judicial Center. She will be teaching Topics in Psychology and Law at Colgate University during the spring semester, and she hopes to return to Hamilton in the fall.

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HIGGINS '04

Johnson returns to teach amongst faculty she admired as an undergraduate: "I wanted to be at a place that takes teaching seriously."

Humane Organization recognizes horse guru Jim Moran

by Elizabeth Evans '02
FEATURES WRITER

Every semester, the Hamilton Humane Organization recognizes a member of the community for their contributions to the lives of animals.

The Humane Organization assists local animal shelters by working with animals, spearheading volunteer and fundraising efforts, and educating the public on important pet care issues.

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Hamilton College Humane Organization traveled to Vernon Downs to recognize track announcer Jim Moran, for his outstanding dedication to the welfare of racehorses.

Humane Organization director Stacie Fitch '01 presented Jim with a plaque in the winner's circle after the second race which the Humane Organization also sponsored.

Fitch commented, "It was great to honor Jim Moran because he has shown so much support for the humane treatment of these horses. Everyone that we spoke to in the community had such wonderful things to say about him and held him in very high regard."

Moran's appreciation for the athletics of horses began with an early interest in Standardbred industry. He began working for the Mid-State Raceway in 1962 as an assistant race secretary and soon after became the track announcer, a position he has held for 37 years.

In 1975, Moran became the Publicity Director for Vernon Downs, and has been a vital voice that has helped to establish the excellent reputation that Vernon Downs has for the kind treatment of the horses that race there.

In addition to his work at Vernon Downs, Jim Moran has also been the voice of Hamilton College's basketball team for over fifteen years.

Humane Organization Executive Board Member, Dan Fillius '02 spoke highly of Moran's involvement with Hamilton College and the surrounding area: "Jim Moran is such a well-respected member of the Hamilton community and the community at large. One of our organization's main goals is to strengthen the relationship between the Hamilton community and its local residents. Jim Moran embodies the spirit of this goal."

In another effort to unite the community in support of local animal shelters, the Hamilton Humane Organization is holding its second annual silent auction on Saturday, Nov.18 at the Kirkland Arts Center.

Volunteer Coordinator Lydia Godfrey '01 remarks: "We're very excited about the auction. Last year was so successful, and it enabled us to give important aid to local shelters. This year should be even better."

The auction features merchandise from local businesses ranging from pizzas and pastries to overnight stays at bed and breakfasts.

Publicity Coordinator Kristen Gorzelany '01 comments: "We have something for everyone this year. We're hoping for a huge turnout."

Ewing era ends in New York

(AP) Patrick Ewing never brought a championship to New York, and now he never will.

In one of the largest and most complicated trades in NBA history, the Ewing era ended in New York when he was dealt Wednesday to the Seattle SuperSonics in a four-team, 12-player megatrade.

The Knicks got back four draft picks and six players — including Glen Rice from Los Angeles and Luc Longley from Phoenix — while the Lakers picked up power forward Horace Grant from Seattle.

`The one thing I know is that Patrick is happy," said one of his best friends, Alonzo Mourning of Miami. ``Based on the way New York treated him the last couple of years, it was disheartening to him that what he gave to that organization wasn't appreciated."

The Knicks, Lakers and Sonics had been trying for five weeks to work out a complicated trade that would get Ewing out of New York, and the pieces finally came together when the Suns entered the picture.

Several other players were included in the trade to make it work under league salary cap guidelines. The Knicks got Vernon Maxwell, Vladimir Stepania and Lazaro Borrell from Seattle and Travis Knight from Los Angeles.

New York also got first-round draft picks in 2001 from the Lakers and Sonics, and two second-round picks in 2001 from Seattle.

The Lakers get Greg Foster, Chuck Person and Emanuel Davis from Seattle. Phoenix gets the Knicks' No. 1 pick in 2001.

``It became clear that he was looking for a change and when he requested a trade, we respected his request," Knicks general manager Scott Layden said. ``It was important in doing so, however, that we had the ability to add value, and we believe we have done that."

Rice, a free agent, received a one-year offer from the Chicago Bulls this week. But he wavered on signing it as his agent, David Falk, tried to broker another deal, and the Bulls finally pulled the offer off the table Wednesday afternoon.

Rice ended up with the Knicks as part of a sign-and-trade transaction in which he got a multiyear contract from the Lakers before being shipped immediately to New York.

The trade brings a close to Ewing's career in New York, where he arrived as the No. 1 pick in the 1985 draft and was expected to be the type of franchise player who could bring the Knicks their first championship since 1973.

`Getting Patrick accomplishes a big offseason goal of ours," said Sonics general manager Wally Walker, adding that 48 trade scenarios were discussed between the Sonics, Knicks and Lakers. ``Until we got on the conference call with the league this afternoon, I had no confidence that the deal would get done."

Now, the Sonics have a center who can help them compete with the better teams in the Western Conference.

Ewing's only appearance in the NBA Finals came in 1994 when the Knicks lost to Houston in seven games. The Knicks made it back to the finals in 1999, but Ewing was injured and did not play.

In last season's playoffs, Ewing was a big reason why the Knicks got past Miami in the second round. But against Indiana in the conference finals, they were 2-0 when he sat out injured and 0-4 when he played.

``Patrick is one of the hardest working, most loyal players I have ever been around," New York coach Jeff Van Gundy said. ``I have told him more than once that he is a champion even if he hasn't won a championship. He practiced and played like a champion every day he was here."

Olympic TV schedule

Saturday, Sept. 23

NBC

12 noon - 6 p.m.	Men's Basketball - USA vs. New Zealand Track & Field Rowing - Finals Men's Gymnastics - Men's Trampoline Final Women's Diving - Synchronized Springboard Final Women's Beach Volleyball - Quarterfinals and Semifinals
7p.m.-midnight	Men's & Women's Track & Field - Finals Men's & Women's Swimming - Finals Women's Mountain Bike Diving - Men's Synchronized Platform - Final
Midnight-2a.m.	Volleyball - USA Men vs. South Korea

MSNBC

Midnight-2a.m.	Baseball - USA vs. Cuba Women's Water Polo - Gold Medal Match Men's Soccer - Quarterfinal Softball - USA vs. Italy

CNBC

4 - 9 p.m.	Men's Water Polo - USA vs. Croatia Boxing Men's Soccer - Quarterfinal

Sunday, Sept. 24

NBC

10 a.m - 6 p.m.	Women's Diving - Platform Semifinal Track & Field - Women's Semifinal Rowing - Finals Syncronized Swimming - Duet Competition Women's Diving - Synchronized Springboard Final Women's Beach Volleyball - Quarterfinals and Semifinals
7p.m - Midnight	Men's & Women's Gymnastics - Individual Finals Women's Diving - Platform Final Men's & Women's Rowing - Eights Finals Track & Field - Various vent finals

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Women's Cross Country beats RPI, prepares for Williams Invitational

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team defeated RPI last weekend 26-31 in a tough meet at Saratoga State Park without some of the team's top runners.

As Annie Toth '02 said about the win, "The meet in Saratoga went really well. The team managed to beat RPI, one of the best teams in the state, by running together by working together for a big part of the race. Many runners had PR's, some even took minutes off their previous times."

Kate Nelson '01 led the team again by finishing first overall with a time of 18:00.23. Like Maggie Hanson '02 did last year, Nelson has made a name for herself and has become a tremendous runner.

Following Nelson were Jennifer Cammarano '03 and Alyson Grant '04 in third and fourth place, with times of 18:25.04 and 18:41.02.

Coach Ellen Hull added, "RPI is much improved over last year and this gave us an opportunity to work on our race strategy." Sarah Bardenett '04 finished fifth with a time of 19:21.42. Rounding out the top five was Lauren Perkins '04 in twelfth place, followed immediately by co-captain Liz Guancial '01.

Tricia Kowalski '03 and Isabel Ezrati '03 finished fifteenth and sixteenth. Hull said, "The team really pulled together for the win. Our middle pack really stepped up when we needed them."

New runners Lara Clemenzi '04 and Becca Walker '02 finished twenty-second and twenty-fourth.

Rounding out the team were Sue Ferranti '03, Gill Chapman '04, and Andrea Stroud '03, who finished thirtieth through thirty-second. All three runners improved their times significantly since last week's meet.

The team has its toughest meet of the season this weekend at the Williams Invitational. It is hoping to improve on its second place finish from last year.

With Toth, Christine Campbell '04, and several other runners returning from injuries and sickness, the women look to challenge Williams, which is ranked #3 nationally and finished two points ahead of the team at last year's meet.

They also seek to hold off SUNY Geneseo, which is ranked #19 in the country. Hamilton's own ranking moved down from #6 to # 8 this week.

With Nelson's early success, there is a good chance that she will finish in the top three after Hanson's second place finish last year.

Co-captain Emily Hill '01 will be back on campus hopefully next weekend and is determined to make it back into the lineup by the end of the season after recovering from surgery.

If the runners come together and perform well as a team they have a good chance of winning this weekend.

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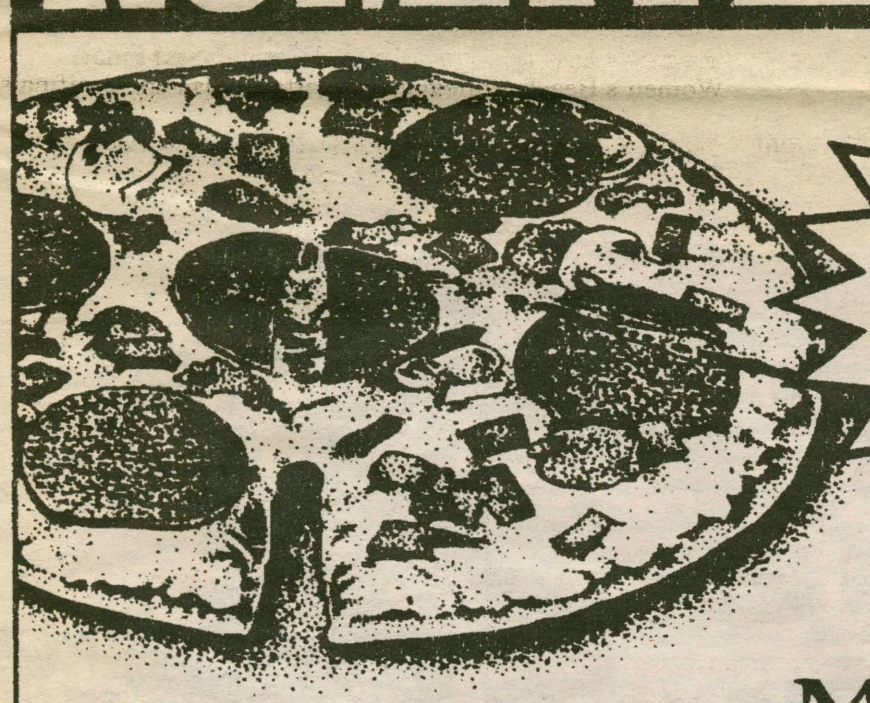

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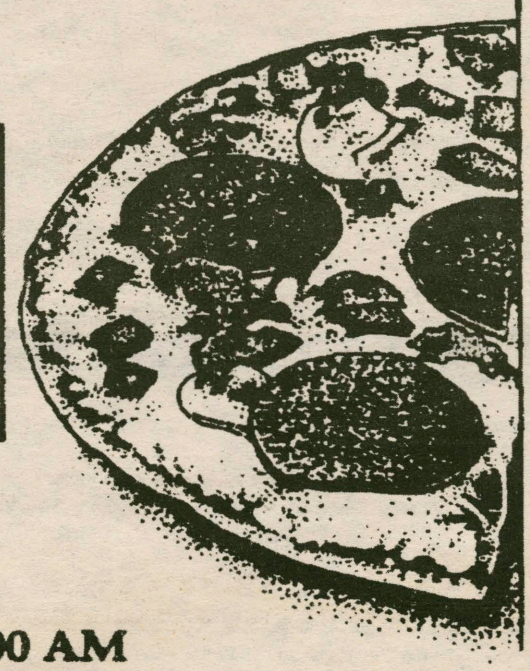

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Men's Cross Country guts out tough win over RPI

By Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

The men's cross country team gutted out a difficult victory over the Engineers of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute last Saturday.

The Engineers presented a tougher matchup than the Union Dutchmen, whom the Continentals defeated 15-50 the week before. But the Continentals still prevailed, 24-36 due to gutsy performances by the entire team.

Scott Taylor '01 finished with the best time among Hamilton runners, finshing second overall at 26 minutes, 57 seconds. Mac Weiss '02 (27:20), Sam Brown '01 (27:21), Nate Arnold '03 (27:36), and John Damaske '02 (27:44) rounded out the top five Continentals.

Coach Brett Hull, was very pleased with the effort that his team dislplayed against the talented RPI team.

"This was a very good dual meet victory. R.P.I. had three very good runners, which made it a close meet. They (RPI) looked like they might win at the halfway point. But our guys did what they had to do, kept their composure, and came away with a hard fought victory."

Overall, the times were a little slower than last week, but they remain solid. Hamilton was also helped when one of the better R.P.I. runners pulled up sick.

"We had decent times. The pace over the first mile was very quick, and it's tough to keep that pace up. So our times may have been slower because of that," Hull remarked. "Still, we ran a very good tactical race."

Other times recorded by the Hamilton runners over the five mile course included Steve Guditus '01, 28:11, Paul Jones '03, 28:35, KArl Bressler '02, 28:52, Kevin Woolford '04, 30:42, Andrew Matlack '03, 31:25, Dan Leonard '03, 34:37, and Matt Speer '03, 34:50.

Hamilton will be tested next week at the Williams Invitational, where they will compete against many of the top teams in the country.

The Williams Invitational will be in a different format than the dual meets that Hamilton has participated in thus far, in which just two teams go head to head. However, Hull is ready, as is the rest of the team.

"It will be nice to get into a meet with more people and more teams. Championships (NESCAC's, States, and NCAA's) are Invitational format. We're looking to do well. The competition will be very good. Williams is nationally ranked, and Geneseo is a tough team. We're looking forward to it."

Last year, the Continentals finished fourth in the Williams Invitational. It will be very tough to win the meet outright this year. However, a solid showing would put them on the right track for the rest of the season.

Music and Sports: The New Sounds of the Game?

Have you ever been to a baseball game where each player has selected the music that he wants to have blasted when he comes up to bat? Have you ever watched a basketball game where the team entered to selected theme music? Have you ever watched wrestling on TV, where, when a person's entrance music busts over the sound system, the wrestler bursts through the curtains?

This is a way to make sports better: give everyone theme music! What does music not enhance? Music makes everything go by quicker, louder, and better. That is why I propose that everyone in sports have their own entrance music. This would be something to not only get the players pumped up, but the fans as well.

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

I can see it now. Bottom of the ninth, two outs, bases loaded. The Red Sox are leading the Yankees 4-1, and Pedro is pitching a gem. All of a sudden, you hear "My name is Kiiiiiiid, Kid Rock, Bawitaba da bang da bang...," and 55,000 screaming Yankee fans jump to their feet.

The electricity races through the fans as Dave Justice emerges from the Yankee dugout. The adrenaline from the fans pulses into Justice's body, and he proceeds to hit a game-winning grand slam, sending the Yanks to the World Series once again. That, my friend, is good stuff (at least if you're a Yankee fan).

Now, I have a few opinions of my own as to what theme music should be used for what people in the game, and here is just a small sampling.

First of all, I think the Brittany Spears hit "Hit me Baby One More Time," would be quite appropriate for Bob Knight. He has a tendency towards violence, and what better way to bring that out from the man then by playing this soft pop song. Either the song, or the fact that he was given this terrible song, would whip him up into such a frenzy that all fans would get their money's worth.

How about the song "Loser," by Beck, for Darryl Strawberry? Exactly how many chances does one get in a lifetime? If we all get as many chances as Darryl has, then I'm going to start burning them up right now. Quick, give me a bottle of NyQuil and keys to a Porsche.

On a brighter note, can you not see Tiger Woods lining up the last putt to finish off his 21-stroke victory in the 2003 Masters with the chords of "You're a God," by Vertical Horizon being played in the background. Besides, is there anyone closer to a god in sports right now than Tiger Woods?

How about the song "Why Can't We be Friends," for John Rocker? Is there anyone more in need of a friend than this guy? Seriously, this guy has become the only man to piss off every single person in the most diverse city in the country at the same time. Also, wouldn't it make his idiotic sprint from the bullpen that much funnier?

A good one for David Wells might be "Not a Player," by the recently deceased Big Pun. Why, you ask? Because there is no one in baseball who looks like they should be forever plastered to a bar seat more than "Boomer" does. This guy lives larger than the game, while at the same time being one of the top performers in it, just like Big Pun was in rap.

"Hypnotize," by the Notorious B.I.G., is quite a fitting song for Pedro Martinez. When the hitters in this league get out from under the spell he's put them under, they might finally hit him. Nah, you're right, they won't.

How about the song "Hero," by the Foo Fighters, for Lance Armstrong? Here is the greatest story you have not heard enough about. Armstrong deserves everything given to him. After not winning a Tour de France during the first part of his career, he develops cancer, and only after his cancer does he become arguably the most dominant performer in the history of his sport. He is truly an inspiration, and a hero.

"Insane in the Membrane," by Cypress Hill, is quite fitting for recently retired NFL All-Pro Greg Lloyd. That man was more feared for the stuff he yelled during a game than for the vicious hits he laid on opposing quarterbacks. When he stepped on the field, Greg Lloyd was absolutely nuts.

Finally, "The Entertainer," by Billy Joel for Michael Jordan. In our lifetime, we will never see anything as beautiful as Michael Jordan in action. People may do it higher, people may do it faster, but no one will do it as well as Mike. He is truly the greatest athlete of our generation.

It is tough to predict the future, and there might be someone who comes along to shut me up, but I just cannot see anyone as dominating as Jordan. Because of him a decent, but not great, team won six NBA Championships. He went from being a great player in his early years with the Bulls, to the greatest in his last few. He left on top of his sport, and thus will always be remembered in the way that he should, as a champion.

This article came about as I was recalling an ESPN clip that was shown at the very beginning of this year. It portrayed highlights of the last century to the song "Dream On," by Aerosmith. It was one of the most moving highlight clips I have ever seen.

In all honesty, I was joking with most of this article, but maybe, just maybe, sports would be improved by the incorporation of more music.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL
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MEN'S SOCCER
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WOMEN'S SOCCER
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FIELD HOCKEY
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VOLLEYBALL
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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
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WOMEN'S TENNIS
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GOLF
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Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome **Sports Editors, Chris, Jim, or Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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NFL						
St. Louis at Atlanta 9/24	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
Detroit at Chicago 9/24	Lions	Lions	Bears	Bears	Bears	Bears
San Francisco at Dallas 9/24	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
New England at Miamii 9/24	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
Green Bay at Arizona 9/24	Packers	Packers	Packers	Cardinals	Packers	Packers
NY Jets at Tampa Bay 9/24	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Jets	Bucs	Bucs
Washington at NY Giants 9/24	Giants	Redskins	Redskins	Giants	Giants	Redskins
Jacksonville at Indianapolis 9/25	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts
Baseball						
Detroit at NY Yankees 9/23	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees
Baltimore at Boston 9/23	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Orioles	Red Sox	Red Sox
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Volleyball shows heart in NESCAC Quad

By Chris Preston '03
SPORTS EDITOR

It is true in all sports that no matter how much talent a team may have, or how much "chemistry", it takes something extra to truly become a great team. That something can often be as intangible as desire, perseverance, or inner strength, all of which come as a result of one particular intangible—heart.

And the women's volleyball team certainly showed a lot of that last weekend in the NESCAC Quad, which was the first ever hosted by Hamilton.

"We showed a lot of heart last weekend," said setter Leah Byrne '02, "especially in our comeback against Wesleyan."

The Wesleyan comeback, which took place on Saturday morning at 9 a.m was perhaps the turning point of the Continentals season, and may in fact be their defining moment.

Down 0-2 in games and having already lost their first tournament game the night before against Williams, 3-1 (11-15, 15-9, 3-15, 7-15), the Continentals knew they could ill afford a second consecutive home loss.

So, exhibiting tremendous perseverance and desire, the Continentals dug down deep to sweep the last three games against Wesleyan for a dramatic 2-15, 11-15, 15-8, 15-9, 15-12 victory.

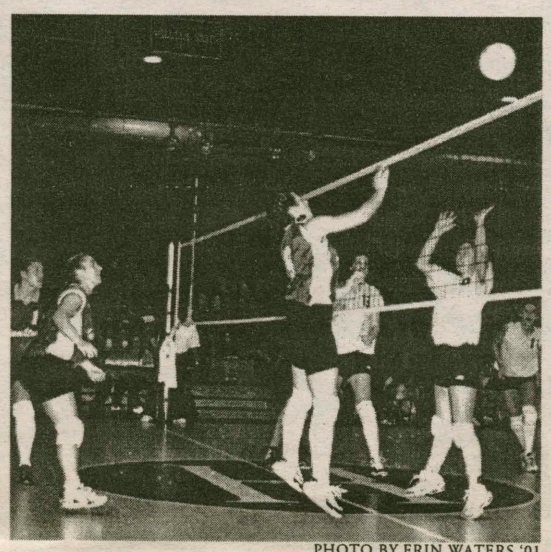
"That is the mark of a true champion to be able to come from behind," Coach Susan Keller proudly claimed.

However, by the time the next their next match rolled around just a couple hours later at 1:00, the Continentals were emotionally and physically spent. Their opponent, Trinity, had just too much talent and energy as they defeated Hamilton, 3-0.

"We were very up and down last weekend," said middle hitter Heather Hoffay '03.

True to form, the Continentals reached another "up" in their final match of the tournament against Connecticut College. With their 3-0 (15-2, 15-9, 15-7) win the volleyball team completed a wild and inconsistent 24 hours, which saw the Continentals experience incredible highs and humbling lows.

"It was like a roller coaster," Coach Keller said. "Our highs were very high and our lows were pretty low. There were streaks where we just dominated the net, defensive players had streaks where (they) just dug up everything. We were very streaky. Overall, though, we did show some improvement."



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Setter Melissa Stoos '04 goes for the kill as co-captain Korey O'Malley '01 and Kate Clark '02 look on.

Leading the way for Hamilton on the weekend were middle hitter Kate Clark '02, who had 38 kills on the weekend to increase her team-leading total to 92, and co-captain Korey O'Malley '01 with 40 assists and invaluable team leadership.

So, despite some inconsistency, the Continentals gained two crucial wins against the tough NESCAC competition, improving their overall record to 4-5 and giving them a tie for fifth in the NESCAC with Tufts.

"We definitely improved from last year's tournament," said Byrne, who leads the team with 83 digs. "We should definitely finish higher this year than 7th, which is what we finished last year. We really stepped up our level of play this weekend."

Hoffay agreed: "We were streaky, but we ran our offensive plays much smoother and our defense was a lot better. Our blocking was awesome."

And the importance of their come-from-behind victory against Wesleyan cannot be stressed enough, because the difference between a 1-3 weekend and a 2-2 weekend is monumental.

Also, the win gave the Continentals some added confidence for the rest of the season.

That confidence was apparent in a 3-1 (15-4, 15-2, 5-15, 15-13) this past Wednesday at Utica College, evening their record at 5-5.

Barb Dalgish '03 had 18 kills filling in for the injured Clark (ankle), while Heather Onderick '02 added 8 kills, four kills and three blocks. O'Malley contributed 22 assists and seven digs on the evening. The Continental sideline resembled a MASH unit as setter Melissa Stoos'04 was also unable to play due to an injured shoulder.

Hopefully both Clark and Stoos will be healthy this Saturday as the Continentals have two important home games against UCAA rivals Clarkson and Union.

Defense keys victory for Women's Soccer

By Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

The women's soccer team completed a strong week with a convincing 2-0 win over Hartwick on Wednesday, upping their record to 3-1 on the year. Hamilton did not allow a single shot and provided 40 of their own to put the Hawks away.

"We played really well at times, but we need to be able to play consistently at the top of our games all game long. We keep possession of the ball throughout, but need to work on finishing," said defenseman Whitney Kingsbury '02.

The Continentals struck first about half way through the opening period on a beautiful one-on-one display by Amanda Siepiola '02, who abused the Hartwick defender and beat the keeper top left for a 1-0 lead.

Hamilton had several good scoring opportunities in the first and second halves, keeping the ball deep in the Hartwick zone for long stretches.

The defense was very solid, led by steady sweeper Roxanne Hoek '03 and Kingsbury. The Hamilton insurance goal didn't come until late in the second, when Paula Dady '03 found the back of the net for her second score on the year, and put Hartwick away for good.

Forward Carissa Baritell '03 said, "We once again showed our good communication and ball movement, and once our intensity level finally matches our ability level, we'll be ready to win the conference."

The Continentals opened up conference play last weekend as they traveled to Clarkson and St. Lawrence to try to get an early league lead. St. Lawrence brought their impressive #7 national ranking with them when they faced off on Saturday, but the Continentals came out of the box very tough.

The defense came to play, as always, including Jane Taylor '04, who was up to the challenge of marking St. Lawrence's All-American midfielder.

However, the opposition proved too much for the Continentals as St. Lawrence outshot the Continentals 18-8, and its two first-half goals were enough for a shutout defeat. The SLU defense was able to contain the high scoring forwards of Hamilton.

"I think we were motivated by their #7 ranking right from the start. We were outplayed, but defensively we played a great game. We were just looking to capitalize on any scoring opportunities that we got," said first-year coach Melissa Eging.

Friday's game at Clarkson had been a much different affair. The Continentals were on the winning end of a 2-0 game that saw the Hamilton offense explode for 40 shots. The goals each came very early, at the four and twelve minute marks, and it looked as though the blowout was on. Unfortunately, the girls once again had some trouble on the finishing end, but two goals were more than enough for keepers Emily Munoz '04 and Brenna Chiaputti '02, who combined for their third shutout on the year.

Eging said, "We did an excellent job of building out of the back. Roxanne (Hoek) started our attack and we also were keeping our possession and dropping it back to her if we needed to. We looked very good as a team, I'd say we were all pleased with the play."

Scoring for the Conts came on an impressive unassisted goal by Siepiola, who is the team leader with three, and on a strong boot from Dady.

"Our defense is very strong, and once we pull all the parts of our game together for all 90 minutes, we'll be pretty much unbeatable," remarked Dady.

The women's soccer team has a big week ahead of them, with games against Russell Sage on Tuesday, and then Vassar and RPI over the weekend. All three games are at home, and Vassar and RPI each have big conference implications. Wins in these games would aid the Continentals in their quest to win their division this season.

Women's Tennis wins twice for new coach

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The women's tennis team scored a major victory last Saturday, defeating Cortland 6-2, which brought their record to 2-2. The team had suffered some setbacks over the previous two matches, losing both in tight 5-4 contests.

To begin the Hamilton onslaught, the number one doubles team of Eileen Wildman '01 and Lindsay Schantz '03 scored a major upset over the defending number one Rolex doubles team, 8-6.

This victory was a good indication of how captain Wildman and Schantz will fare at the upcoming Rolex Championships this weekend.

At the number two doubles, Ginger Pearson '03 and Jen Lynch '03 fought a tough battle, only to fall to Cortland's Kavanaugh and Krauz, 8-9 (5-7).

To round out the doubles, Lizzie Fazio '04 and Sarah Taylor '03 dominated their opponents 8-4 to give Hamilton the edge going into singles.

The singles matches started off with a bang, with Eileen Wildman '01 destroying the reigning Rolex number one champion in straight sets, 7-5, 7-5. This victory set the tone for the remainder of the singles, with Schantz and Pearson winning at numbers two and three in straight sets.

At number five, Fazio played a tough three-setter, after dropping the first set, to pull out with a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 win. Lynch, at number four, faced a tough opponent in Cortland's Stephanie Sonoma, falling 3-6, 2-6. Taylor took her match to a third set, but ended up losing 6-4, 3-6, 1-6.

Coach King was pleased with the match, "This was a good turning point for the team, especially after losing the previous two matches in close contests. Everyone on the team played well, especially the number one doubles team and Eileen (Wildman) defeating the Rolex champs. This week we are preparing for the Rolex/ITA Championships this coming weekend."

The women stomped on Hartwick's hopes and record on Tuesday, 9-0. The team all played well, including Lynch in a long three-setter, winning 7-6 in the third. Hamilton's record improved to 3-2, while Hartwick fell to 3-3.

The men will compete in their first tournament of the fall, with the ECAC Championships this weekend at Vassar. The team is led by Ash Pajoohi '02 at number one, closely followed by Ryan Thorpe '02 at number two. Arnab Chanda '03 dominates at number three, with Phil Cameron '02 and Jon Murphy '04 closing out the singles seeds.

The doubles team of Jason Wellen '03 and Sean Fair '03 will be competing in the team's only doubles match. This is the first tournament that the men will be competing in this fall, they will have their primary season in the spring.

Sports

Men's Soccer outplays #1 SLU, but falls just short

By Andy Horner '03
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There are, over the course of a sports season, specific stretches of time in which a team provides glimpses of what the future may have in store. This past weekend, the Hamilton men's soccer team may have gone through one of these stretches.

It began with a 7-1 victory over a skilled Clarkson team on Friday afternoon, and continued with an intense matchup against the top-ranked team in the nation, Saint Lawrence University, which ended in a heartbreaking 1-0 defeat for the Continentals.

In a victory over Clarkson that saw Sky Gellatly '03 score two goals, Hamilton's suddenly high-powered offensive attack provided five other highlight reel goals.

In addition to this offensive prowess, the team played tenacious defense, continuing to utilize the tactical defense that is fast becoming the team's trademark.

Clarkson finally broke through with just over five minutes to go in the game, but by that time Hamilton's starting keeper Doug Bellard '02 had already departed, giving backup goalies James Cole '01 and Matt Gale '03 time to shine in goal.

The scoring for Hamilton was opened with a goal by Hamilton midfielder Mike Thompson '03, who beat the Clarkson keeper with just over three minutes gone by in the game.

Captain Chris Steed '01 followed with his first goal of the season twenty minutes later. Soon after that, Gellatly put in the first of his two goals, and the rout was on.
Five minutes after that, Gellatly assisted on a goal by David Fox '03.

As the Hamilton attack poured it on, forward Ernest Kwarteng '02 joined in the festivities, scoring early in the second half. Then Gellatly scored again, this time on a pretty assist from Neville Maina '04.

Finally, William Haley '04 beat the Clarkson keeper in a face-to-face goal with two minutes remaining in the contest.

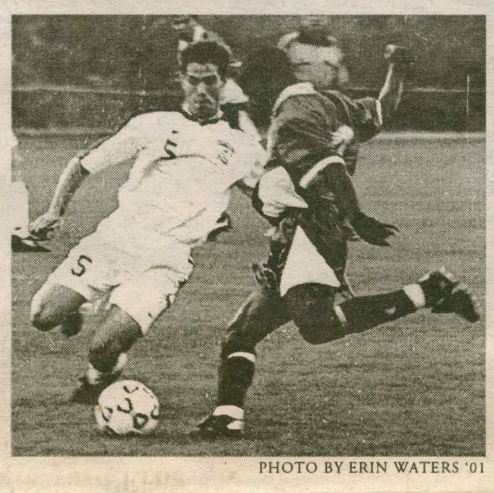
Coach Perry Nizzi complemented his players by saying, "We made Clarkson look bad, but they are a very good team...we scored some tough goals against them, and everyone played well."

Andrew Paine '01 echoed his coach's sentiment, "We did an excellent job against Clarkson, after struggling with them the last two years, I think we came into the game well prepared, and we finished the ball well as a team."

Indeed, it was Hamilton's outstanding teamwork that enabled them to dominate from start to finish against a quality opponent.

Thus, after the Clarkson game, the Continentals knew what they were capable of against quality opposition. However, their next opponent was not simply quality; in SLU Hamilton faced the best Division III team in the entire nation.

The Hamilton men knew there would not be the opportunity to score seven goals against the strangling defense and athletic keeper of the defending national champions.



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Forward Ernest Kwarteng '02 battles a Clarkson defender.

So, defense would have to be the key. And, led by sweeper Huy Huynh '03, the backfield sparkled. In a first half that saw the momentum swing back and forth between Hamilton and SLU, the defenses of both teams repelled every attack.

Amidst plenty of physical play sparked by the over-aggressive SLU players, defenders Paine, Huynh, Captain Dave Bugliari '01, and Craig Lei '04 kept their cool and kept the game knotted at zero.

In the second half, Hamilton dominated the majority of the time, but on the strength of two sparkling saves by SLU goalkeeper Brendan Murphy, the scoreboard remained unchanged.

As the half wound down and overtime loomed, Hamilton continued to apply the pressure. The crowd sensed the excitement and grew louder as the game approached its final minutes.

Then, something happened that broke the heart of every Hamilton fan in attendance. With 1:25 remaining, SLU scored on a freak play in which, as Coach Nizzi said, "One person did something they're never going to do again."

The Continental faithful in attendance groaned in unison. However, with one minute left, the Hamilton men did not give up. They pushed the ball swiftly up the field and charged the SLU goal in unison, with Kwarteng and the ball out in front.

After a beautiful save on Kwarteng's initial shot, SLU goalie Murphy found himself out of position. Kwarteng, on the other hand, found himself with the ball in front of an empty net. It seemed like a sure goal, and the home crowd rose and roared its approval.

But as quickly as the roar had grown, it subsided. An SLU defender, unseen by Kwarteng, made a desperate slide in front of the goal, and somehow managed to deflect the ball towards his keeper. Murphy grabbed it, and celebrated as the clock ran out.

Although the outcome was obviously not the desired one from the Continental's standpoint, the game was as intense and exciting as they come. Hamilton was able to match the best team in the country shot for shot, and in doing so give something to the fans that they have not had enough of in the past.

"We've brought excitement to the campus," said Coach Nizzi, "and we've given the fans something to come out and enjoy."

The players were disappointed with the loss, but not too disappointed. "It's hard to be disappointed when you dominate a game against the number one team in the country and then lose in the last two minutes," noted Bugliari.

Unfortunately, Hamilton came to see the effects of its competitive game with SLU all too soon. In their game against Nazareth this Tuesday, Hamilton watched as eleven defenders were dropped back onto the defensive side of the field.

Having scouted Hamilton, Nazareth felt that this would be the best way to play the Continentals, and as luck would have it, they were right.

Playing ultra-conservative and taking advantage of two lucky breaks, Nazareth was able to overcome the Continentals by a score of 2-1. Nick Wilson '02 scored in the defeat.

Thus, despite dominating two straight games, Hamilton emerges from this stretch 1-2-1. However, they have become a feared opponent, as is evidenced by Nazareth's extensive scouting.

Coach Nizzi said that the team will swiftly adjust to this. "We simply have to learn to score against a more conservative defense, and we have the skill and speed to do it."

With their next game not until the 26th, Hamilton has ample time to do this. Furthermore, there is no team remaining on Hamilton's schedule as skilled as SLU, so it is likely that the Continentals will experience success in the following weeks.

"The goal now is to go 11-2-1" said Coach Nizzi.

This team has the skill, determination, and depth to accomplish this, so Hamilton fans would do well to expect great things from the men's soccer team as the season continues.

Football begins new era under Coach Pendergast

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year's team. I wasn't there. This is a new team and what happened last year is irrelevant."

Thatcher Freeborn moved from safety to outside linebacker in Pendergast's new 4-4-3 defensive scheme.

Defensive star Ron Thomas '01 switched from defensive end to defensive tackle, while Marcus Juba '03 moved to cornerback. Andy Basco '03 went from defensive end to defensive tackle, and Mike Annunziata '02 was moved from outside linebacker to tight end.

Despite the large number of players switching positions, some things have remained the same for the Continentals.

The defense will continue to set the tone for the team. There is little doubt that the Hamilton defense is one of the top units in the NESCAC, especially against the run.

Last season, opponents were able to throw deep on the inexperienced Hamilton cornerbacks virtually at will.

However, Pendergast believes that the defensive backfield is much improved this year. "Ask Tufts what they think about our secondary," he said. "They completed less than 50 percent of their passes."

There have been countless questions about how successful Hamilton's offense will be against Amherst and other divisional powers.

The team not only lost its starting quarterback, but also two starting wide receivers and a starting tight end from last season. There are many question marks about the offense, and if it is ready for the start of the season.

"The offense must keep the defense off the field for as long as possible," said McCarthy. "We have to control the clock." Pendergast has a tremendous amount of faith in his team's offensive prowess.

"Defenses are always ahead of the offenses early on in the season and that is clearly the case now," admitted Pendergast. "But I have faith that our offense will begin to click once Pellman finds his timing with the receivers and the line sharpens up a bit."

One problem the team may have is depth on the offensive line. While the starting offensive line is anchored by Ted Stewart '01 and looks formidable, there are very few reserve players available to them.

The offensive line was hurt during preseason when several reserve players quit the team leaving the unit relatively thin.

Basco, who was inserted into the starting lineup less than a week after he moved from defense to offense, believes that the line will hold up, " We have a solid line that can open holes for our running backs. Depth is a concern, but as long as we stay healthy it shouldn't be a factor."

McCarthy agrees that production from the offensive line will be one of the keys, not only to the Amherst game, but also throughout the entire season, "The offensive line must perform well for us to win."

However, the defense will ultimately be the heart and soul of the team. The defense needs to keep the Continentals in the game.

One Hamilton player believes that, "Right now our defense is our best offense. As long as we can control the ball for more than 30 minutes a game, they should be able to win a lot of games for us."

With a returning cast that includes Ryan Nolan '02, Harry Hristoforatos '02, Thomas, Dave Spezzano '02, and Juba it appears that the defense is loaded with enough talent to do just that.

But defense alone is unlikely to win many games for the Continentals.

The offense needs to produce and Pellman is the man who will be asked to run it at least for the first game against Amherst.

"I need to stay focused, feel comfortable, and I have to make the throws I know I'm capable of making," said Pellman. "You don't want your to be overwhelmed in your first start. I have the opportunity I've been waiting for and I'm ready to prove my critics wrong. I know we are ready."